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Starts March 14:

Six months of alternating traffic on Route 2 bridge

Large-truck restrictions planned

By ALISON ALOISIO

A six-month project to rebuild the Route 2 over the Androscoggin River in Bethel is slated to begin on March 14, according to the Maine Department of Transportation.

MDOT plans to have one-way, alternating traffic, controlled by temporary traffic signals, over the 400-foot bridge while work is underway, said Joel Kittredge of MDOT. The traffic signals will be controlled by a vehicle detection system, he said.

Kittredge said the contractor, Wyman & Simpson Inc. of Richmond, intends to work long days once sunlight isn't an issue, likely 6 a.m. to about 5 p.m. The time will vary by season.

Because the work require replacement of the bridge deck, there will be spacing and load restrictions for large trucks, Kittredge said. There is also a possibility that large truck traffic will be rerouted via Route 232 between Woodstock and Hanover, he said.

Stop lines will be approximately 200 feet from the bridge abutments, for

a total closure length of about 800 feet, according to Kittredge.

"The westbound stop bar will be located between the North Road and the bridge," he said. "There will be signs asking people to not block the entrance and also regarding blocking of business entrances."

The bridge was built in 1968. In addition to the deck replacement, "scouring" of the river bed at the support piers will require placement of concrete/cable mats around them for stabilization, according to MDOT.

The traffic volume on the road is 8,750 vehicles a day, Kittredge said, which is considered to be at the upper end of the range for which MDOT would allow alternating traffic controlled with signals.

MDOT officials have met with local municipal and utility officials, including from the Town of Bethel, SAD 44 and Central Maine Power, to try to make services run as smoothly as possible during the construction period.

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SAD 44 voters to decide Monday on \$76,000 land buy

By AMY WIGHT CHAPMAN

If district voters approve on Monday, SAD 44 will soon own an additional 36.9 acres of land abutting the north-erly edge of the Telstar property.

Last month the School Board authorized Supt. David Murphy to sign a purchase and sale agreement on the parcel, currently owned by the Conifer Corporation, for \$76,000.

The authorization is subject to approval by voters at a special district meeting scheduled for Monday, Feb. 22 at 6:30 p.m. at the Crescent Park Elementary School. Authorization is also contingent on a title search with satisfactory results, Murphy said.

If approved, the funds would be taken from the district's Capital Reserve Account, he said.

It is estimated that approximately a third of the district's existing cross country trails are located on the 36.9-acre parcel.

Murphy said that the land purchase is intended solely to enable the district to continue to use the property for athletic trails and that the parcel had not been researched for potential development uses.

Murphy said he had been advised by the district's attorney that the School Board should consider the value of the property only as it relates to current and future use as part of the Telstar campus, and should recognize that, due to potential easement issues, any other use, such as selling or developing the parcel, would be subject to town ordinances and would require the completion of additional legal work.

He said district policy on outdoor grounds and facilities provides for their use by the public when they are not scheduled for use by the schools, making the land purchase one that benefits the entire community.

The property is subject to an easement and right of way, currently used by Chadbourne Tree Farms to access a large acreage owned by that company. The easement allows both the property owner and the grantee to perform maintenance on the area of the right of way as they see fit.

In addition to the 36.9 acres of land covered by the purchase and sale agreement, Murphy said there is an additional one acre of property that the Conifer Corp. is currently offering for sale to residents of the Bailey Road whose property abuts the one-acre parcel.

Should those abutters decline the offer, said Murphy, Conifer Corp. is considering gifting it to the school district.

College anatomy and astronomy



Above left, Austin Bear (author of this story) holds a sheep's brain during a dissection in his Anatomy lab at Central Maine Community College in Auburn. Right, Jessica Dine fills in star charts for homework in her Astronomy class. The two THS students are in the Dual Enrollment program, which allows them to earn high school and college credits at the same time.

Cierra Starnand; A. Bear

Doing college in high school, through one student's eyes

By AUSTIN BEAR
Telstar High School

The Dual-Enrollment program of Telstar Regional High School allows seniors in the program to take all their classes on the campus of Central Maine Community College, while receiving both college and high school credits.

Telstar is in its third year of the program, with 10 students involved. Participating in the program are Amber Souve, Ashley Savage, Austin Bear, Cameron Rothwell, Hayley Peterson, Jessica Dine, Luke Angevine, Oc-

tavia Morin, Olivia York and Rebecca Howard.

The program gives the students the opportunity to get a head start on the college environment and lifestyle; it teaches them to take responsibility, as well as the importance of due dates.

The program is paid for by the school district, with significant financial support from Gear Up Grant funds, Project Opportunity, and Sunday River Resort; with the exception of transportation and textbooks, which the students are responsible for.

To be a part of the program, interested students go through a process of applications, interviews, and placement testing at the end of their junior year to determine whether they will be a good fit.

Once this is completed, the students are able to choose their classes.

In their first semester, most students took classes that were needed to complete their graduation requirements, such as English, History, and Public Speaking.

In the second semester, the students were able to choose the classes they

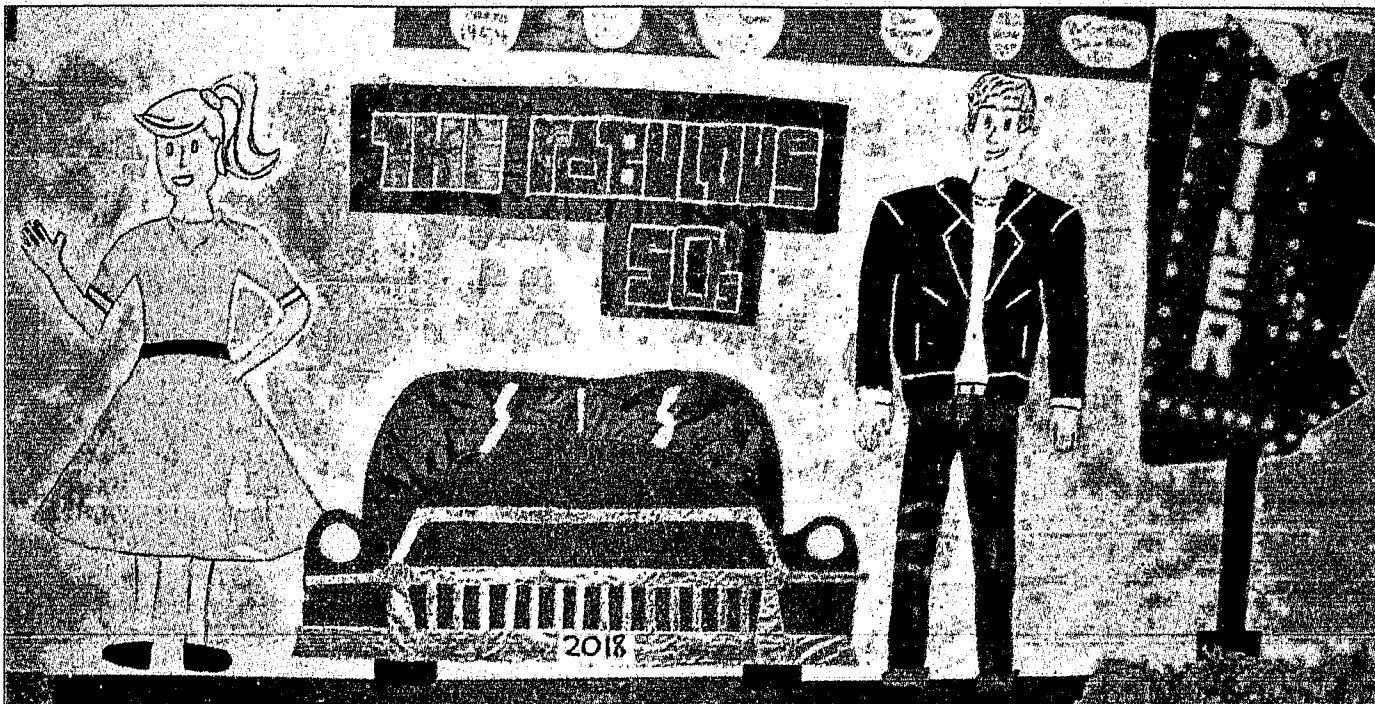
wanted to take and that would count towards their college degree.

Unlike the high school students, the students follow a full-time college schedule. Many set up their schedules to have morning classes, as well as having Fridays off.

Being able to arrange their schedule this way gives the students time to do homework, have extra hours at a job, or be involved in clubs or sports at Telstar.

They also recently finished a month-long break between semesters for

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THROUGH THE DECADES AT TELSTAR-The four classes at Telstar High School celebrated Winter Carnival Week last week by creating wall murals depicting different decades of the past. The sophomore class did this one representing "The Fabulous 50s."

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Letters

DEMOCRATS: COME CAUCUS

To the Editor:

The Democratic Party caucuses, for all municipalities in Oxford County will be held on Sunday, March 6, at many locations throughout our region. The caucuses are open to registered Democrats and we are looking forward to greeting our longtime supporters as well as new faces motivated by the opportunity to participate in the 2016 election. Those who are not registered to vote, including those who will turn 18 by Nov. 8, 2016, or who are not enrolled in a party, but wishing to participate, may register or enroll in advance at their town office, or arrive at the caucus location one hour ahead of the advertised time for same-day registration. Absentee ballots may be obtained by securing an application at www.mainedems.org, or by calling the Maine Democratic Party office at 622-6233. Ballots must be returned by Wednesday, March 2.

The business of the caucus will be presidential preference voting, election of delegates to the May 6 and 7 Democratic State Convention, and election of town and county Democratic committees. Additional activities will include remarks by candidates or their representatives, and supporting candidates by signing nominating petitions or providing Maine Clean Elections \$5 qualifying contributions. The caucus is a great time to get together with other Democrats and to participate in the critical building blocks of our democracy.

A complete list of caucus locations and times is available at www.mainedems.org/caucus, or on our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/OxfordCountyDems>. The legal notice advertisement will be placed in the Feb. 29 issue of the Sun Journal. Those who do not have access to these sources of information may call me at 875-2116.

Cathy Newell
Greenwood
Oxford County Democrats Chairperson

WHAT'S UP WITH WHAT?

To the Editor:

So, what exactly is WHAT? WHAT is the acronym for Western Hills Access Television, the local public access station serving the Bethel area community, broadcast through Time Warner Cable, Channel 11 (and now available via Internet).

In recent months, some enthusiastic new board members joined long standing members Dick Melville and studio manager/member, Wayne Howe, and are putting forth effort to upgrade equipment, create additional programming, increase community involvement, and have even made progress in making WHAT available through the Internet and mobile devices.

Presently (at least when technology and cyberspace cooperate) anyone with internet connection can watch the station's broadcast by going to: <http://livestream.com/accounts/17282948> and clicking on the arrow in the block above the "Live Now" red label. In addition to the livestream broadcast, this site will also feature various "archived" local programs, offering viewers anywhere and everywhere the option to watch WHATEver, whenever!

WHAT programming typically includes a mix of local productions such as live (and recorded) Telstar basketball, Bethel Rec basketball, music performances, various presentations from organizations such as Senior College, Age Friendly Community, Historical Societies, community celebrations, school events, including annual Telstar graduations, and more...and often features "retro" programs, taking viewers back through the years! There are also "non local" programs acquired through a "sharing" resource utilized by local access stations. The WHAT board plans to broaden the scope of original programming and also hopes to establish a resource of volunteers interested in filming and production.

Watch the Bethel Citizen for future progress news, and in the meanwhile, anyone interested in becoming involved may contact the studio at 207-824-2136 EXT. 1325, e-mail channel11v@mail.com, or contact a board member.

Welcoming community involvement,

The WHAT board: Wayne Howe, Richard Melville, Deanna Fowles, Brooks Morton, and Jewel Clark

CORRECTION

SKI TICKETS-A letter in last week's Citizen about the ski ticket program should have said the Bethel Town Office takes only cash and credit/debit cards for the program.

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PLEASE COME TO TRANSPORTATION MEETING

To the Editor:

Please put next Wednesday, the 24th, at 4 p.m. at the Bethel Congregational Church on your calendar. At this meeting we will begin a discussion about providing a more available transportation system for the greater Bethel community area. The conversation will include transportation service providers describing what is currently offered in our area, and other areas around the State. More importantly, YOU will have the opportunity to say what You see as important in providing transportation for senior citizens, the isolated and the disabled. We hope to see you there!

Jan Stowell
Bethel

FLYING MOOSE THANKS

To the Editor:

We would like to thank the many volunteers who helped host another hugely successful Flying Moose Classic XC ski race sponsored by the Bethel Outing Club at the Gould Academy ski trails. This race, part of the New England Nordic Ski Association's Club series, attracted ski racers to Bethel from all over New England. We had a terrific turnout for the 10 km and 22 km races, as well as a few hardy children who did the Bill Koch League 2.4 km race. Thanks to Gould Academy for donating the use of the field house for registration, the trails at Pine Hill, and the beautiful new yurt.

We could not have done it without the assistance of many wonderful volunteers including: Julia Reuter, Eric List, Buzz Gamble, Linda Gamble, Mike Hoeh, Lorrie Hoeh, Sophie List, Jonathan Goldberg, Eric Boyle-Wight, Martha Siegel, Tina Naimie, Beth Clarke, Alejandra Pardos, Gary Inman, Lesley Rowse, Vicki Fimiani, Nancy Babcock, Jeremy Nellis, Wade Kavanaugh, and the many, many others who offered to help throughout the day. An extra special thank you to Brad Clarke who did a spectacular job grooming the trails. Congratulations to Bill Koch League ski coach, Wade Kavanaugh, and his wife, Bethany Weisberger, on the birth of their baby girl on the same weekend as the Flying Moose.

To find complete race results and to learn more about the Bethel Outing Club, go to www.bethelouting.org/.

Jim Reuter-Race Director
Christine Trefethen-Volunteer Coordinator

CHANGES AT WORKOUT 24-7

To the Editor:

As many might have heard, Workout 24-7 management has been taken over by Courtney and Michael Bennett as of Oct. 1. Although we are using the same paradigm of the 24-hour access we have changed a few things to better the workout experience.

We are excited that we now offer a full week of various classes, such as: Zumba, Zumba Gold, FitKidz, and Pilates with our local instructor Louisa Abarno. We offer a Kids & Adult Dance with locally renowned Debi Irons. BodyFit, Spin, Pilates and Spin/Yoga is offered by local instructor Jennine Carrier, and an additional Sunday Pilates class with our local Christine Trefethen. Cardio Kickboxing is also one of many new classes offered and instructed by New England Fights own Michael Hansen, who has a strong following out of Rumford and is expanding to the Bethel market. We also offer a personal trainer on site if you need an ongoing fitness regimen or just an introduction on how to use the equipment.

We are in the process of adding three additional pieces of equipment to our cardio machine line up, and we have recently renovated and expanded to the other side of the building.

We have just become fully staffed seven days a week.

We are located at 32 Parkway Plaza (down back) and we invite the community to come in a visit and take a look around our facility.

Check out our website at www.workout24-7bethelmaine.com. You may also find us on Facebook at Workout 24-7 & Studio 32.

We look forward to meeting and serving you for your health and wellness needs. Come join the fun!

Courtney and Michael Bennett
Bethel



CHRISTINE, CHRISTEN, KRISTY - HERE TO SERVE YOU-Since Christine Landes became town manager in Bethel, she and Town Clerk Christen Mason and Deputy Finance Officer Kristy Aguilera have been helping residents and taxpayers sort out their names and roles. Aguilera said most mixups happen when people call, often in response to a letter they have received from Landes or Mason. Aguilera usually answers the phone, and when she identifies herself the caller "usually assumes

they read the letter wrong," she said. At that point Aguilera asks if the caller wants the town manager or the town clerk, and if the person knows that, the problem is usually solved. Otherwise, said Mason, "if you talk with them a minute you figure out who they want." And to clarify - Christine and Christen do not use nicknames, and "Kristy" is Aguilera's formal name, not a nickname. From left in the photo are Landes, Mason and Aguilera.

A. Aloisio

From the Bethel Town Manager's Office

By Christine M. Landes

TV; no more cash at transfer station; sewer fees

As always, it is my pleasure to provide this bi-weekly column for the citizens of Bethel.

This past week I attended a board meeting with our local access cable, channel 11. It was nice to become informed on what the vision for the channel encompasses, and educated on why they are asking for full franchise fees from the Town of Bethel in the upcoming year (currently they receive half). I wanted to make sure that each of you were aware that now you are able to live stream WHAT (Western Hill Access Television) anywhere in the world. Just go to livestream.com and type in Western Hills Access Television. Pretty amazing stuff happening with this organization!

I have mentioned several times, in past articles, that we are no longer accepting cash or creating "I owe you's" at the transfer station. All items will need to be paid for in advance at the town office or a credit card presented for payment when dumping at the facility. You will be asked to take your items back with you if you are unable to cover the cost of dumping. There will be no exceptions to this.

The budget process is continuing. On Feb. 29 at 7 p.m., the Capital Improvement Team will meet to establish what upcoming large costs projects and road improvements will be proposed in FY'17. The whole budget committee will meet on March 15 and 17 at 7pm to review the proposed budget and make recommendations. Each of these meetings are open to the public. I would encourage anyone to attend to get a real sense of how a municipal budget is created and presented.

The Sewer Fees Committee met last week and will be presenting a rate proposal at the Feb. 23 Board of Selectmen's meeting. If accepted by the Board, there will be a Public Hearing in March on the proposed rate change. As soon as the final spreadsheet is available, I will have copies available at the front counter for the public.

The Ordinance Review Committee will be holding public participation meetings in regard to the current Sign Ordinance. There will be half hour blocks reserved for interested parties to bring forth recommendations, comments or concerns about the ordinance. The times available are Feb. 24, March 2, and March 9 from 6:30-8 p.m. Please call the office to reserve a spot you are interested in speaking to the committee. Spots will be reserved for a max of two interested parties at a time.

Please remember if there is anything I, or the employees of the town, can do for you please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here for you.

Our Back Pages

By Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: Laurence and Marcia Austin of New York purchased the Holidae House on Main Street.

Members of the Woodstock Fire Department tried out their new Rescue Alive ice sled, and practiced cold water rescue at North Pond.

Births: Aidyn Chancellor Long, Jyrrmal Jesus Yates

20 years ago: Eighty-three third, fourth, and fifth graders from Crescent Park School participated in the Gould Academy RugRat Program at Sunday River Ski Resort.

The Telstar High School boys' basketball team made it to the Western Maine Class C tournament.

Deaths: Thaxter P. Littlehale, Robert William Remsen, Arline Bernier.

30 years ago: Officials at Sunday River Ski Resort calculated that 402,000 tons of snow had been made during the current season.

The annual oyster stew supper at the Mundt-Allen Post hall was attended by 70 husbands, wives, and children of American Legion and Auxiliary members.

Deaths: Everett L. Angevine, Laura M. Inman, Stephen Hoey.

40 years ago: A fire of undetermined origin damaged the ell of the Wendall Sharp home on Main Street (now owned by Rick and Ellen Whitney).

The Oxford County Economic Opportunity Council sponsored an Energy Fair at Gould Academy.

Deaths: Richard C. Harthorne, Mrs. Ola H. Tift.

50 years ago: "The Day the Earth Moved" a graphic motion picture of the Alaska earthquake was shown at the Gilead Town Hall.

Gould Academy presented "The Golden Fleece," a farce in three acts, directed by Frank A. Vogt.

Birth: Jeri Lynn Martin.

Deaths: Eino F. Heikkinen, James B. Cobb.

60 years ago: The log cabin on Paradise Hill belonging to Dr. R.R. Tibbets was destroyed by fire.

The Paris Manufacturing Co. was awarded the contract to make folding tables and chairs for the Washburn School cafeteria, Auburn.

Deaths: Ivan W. Arno, Mrs. Ida F. Barker, C. Pearl Parker.

70 years ago: Schools were closed due to an 8-inch fall of snow, high wind and zero temperatures.

Gould Academy held its annual winter carnival in mid-February.

Deaths: Mrs. Marion Spinney, Mrs. Dorothea M. Ricker, Mrs. Susie E. Holt.

80 years ago: The lower Naimey building, formerly the grain mill, was being converted into a store for the A&P Co.

Six tables were in play at the Grange whist party held at the Abbott House in Upton.

Death: Mrs. Susie Turner Russell.

90 years ago: The manager of Bethel Inn was presented with twelve perfect oranges grown in A. Van Den Kerckhoven's greenhouse.

Herrick Bros. Co. was manufacturing a SnoCar. They were one of three companies in New England making this type of car.

110 years ago: Mr. E.C. Staples moved into the Odd Fellows block where he had fitted up first class undertaking rooms.

A Valentine supper and entertainment held at the Universalist chapel was well attended despite bad weather.

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Woodstock's Union Church to be burned

By ALISON ALOISIO

Woodstock selectmen Tuesday approved a plan for the Woodstock Fire Department to burn down the 19th century Union Church in South Woodstock as a training exercise.

The town tried to sell the building with a provision it be moved, but there were no takers.

"We've done our due diligence," said Selectman Ron Deegan.

"I know for a half dozen people, it's going to be very sad," said Town Man-

ager Vern Maxfield. "The other option is to let it sit there and fall down."

The church's granite foundation stones will be used in laying out a parking area on the property that will be used for people visiting the cemetery across the street, selectmen said.

"It would be good to save something out of the building," said Selectman Mike Nadeau.

The church is expected to be burned before spring, Maxfield said.

Woodstock town budget finalized for March meeting

Although Woodstock's 2016 Capital Improvement spending proposal is \$127,000 higher than last year's figure of \$110,000, the recommended use of funds from several revenue accounts means the increase in the amount to be raised from taxes would be held to about \$17,000.

Selectmen finalized the \$3,087,657 budget (including a school share estimate of \$1,225,266 and county tax of 164.382) Tuesday. The municipal total of \$1,698,009 will be voted upon at the March 29 annual Town Meeting.

New proposed capital expenditures include a property purchase for a new boat landing on North Pond (\$90,000); new fire truck payment (\$30,000); new plow truck (\$67,000); and MDOT garage for PACE ambulance and storage (\$85,000).

Other significant new ex-

penditures include a proposed joint revaluation with Greenwood (\$40,000) and a new library roof and town office boiler (\$24,000).

Proposed revenues to be put toward some of the expenditures include \$50,000 from the Land Conservation Account and \$20,000 from the Subdivisions Fund for the boat ramp; \$38,000 from the sale of a woodlot and \$40,000 from the Spruce Mountain Tangible Benefit Account toward the MDOT garage; \$67,000 from the Major Highway Equipment Reserve Account; and \$30,000 from the Fire Department Reserve Account.

Adding in funds from other revenue accounts, a total of \$642,832 - \$300,000 more than last year - would be used to reduce the tax commitment.

The estimated amount to be raised from taxes would be \$2,458,143.

Bridge

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od, Bethel Town Manager Christine Landes said. Landes said the travel lane across the bridge will be 11 feet, which might be too wide for the town's plow truck, should there

be snow in late March.

The town is considering keeping a grader and a backhoe on the village side of the bridge, she said.

Some town officials have

expressed concern about possible traffic backups through the Parkway/Route 2 intersection, but MDOT officials have said during the planning process they believe the traf-

fic situation will be manageable.

The project was originally planned by MDOT for last year, but was postponed.

Briefly

Please talk signs with committee

BETHEL-Bethel's Ordinance Review Committee wants businesspeople and other interested citizens to come and meet with them - individually - about what changes they would like to see to the Sign Ordinance. The ORC is currently reviewing the ordinance in response to concerns from businesses that the business sign rules are too restrictive. The following times are available for meeting with the panel: Wednesday Feb. 24 from 6:30 to 8 p.m.; Wednesday, March 2 from 6:30-8 p.m.; and Wednesday, March 9 from 6:30-8 p.m. "These times will be split into half hour meetings, with no more than two area business people per half hour, to allow one-on-one concerns, recommendations, and positive aspects of the current sign ordinance to be discussed," said Landes. Those interested should call the Town Office at 824-2669 to reserve a time slot.

Old movie poster sales to benefit THS softball

BETHEL-Today (Thursday) movie posters from the past 10 years will be on sale at The Gem Theater in Bethel, to benefit the Telstar High School Softball Team, according to Coach Mark Kenney. Parent and coach representatives will be present to collect donations and sell old movie posters. "There are close to 1,000 of them to choose from, and they are either on sale for \$1 or \$2, with no limit as to how many you can purchase," said Kenney. All funds raised will support the team's effort to go to North Carolina in April for their spring training trip. Posters will be on sale at future fundraising events to support the team as well. Movies (Star Wars and The Revenant) are at 6:30 and 7 p.m. Upcoming fundraisers include Basket BINGO at the Locke Mills Legion Hall on Sunday, March 20, a dinner event at the Sunday River Brew Pub, a babysitting/double feature movie event at Telstar, a car wash/bottle drive and others.

Head co-sponsors parks passes bill

AUGUSTA-Nonprofit organizations throughout Maine are advocating for the Bureau of Parks and Lands to continue offering passes for State Parks to Mainers with disabilities, according to a press release from state Rep. Fran Head (R-Bethel). The "guest exemption passes" have been in place for many years, but have been suddenly revoked following a letter dated December, 2015, when the Bureau decided to no longer issue complementary passes due to "budget concerns," the release said. By revoking these passes, programming for disabled children and adults has been jeopardized, and those closest to the issue began reaching out to members of the State Legislature to correct this oversight and to continue allocating enough funds for the exemptions previously available, according to the release. For the participants of the programs, state park visits provide disabled children and adults with the opportunity to develop a greater appreciation of nature, in addition to activities promoting new life skills and confidence building, the release said. Head offered to cosponsor "An Act To Continue To Provide Group Exemption Passes to State Parks for Persons with Disabilities," which was successfully referenced to the Joint Standing Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry for a public hearing and work session, yet to be scheduled, according to the release. Rep. Head offered her reasoning behind the bill, saying "these passes are too important to groups like Wounded Warriors and Maine Adaptive Sports and Recreation, which is why we need to continue funding the exemptions. Mainers are privileged to have so many state parks available, and adults and children with disabilities shouldn't be prevented from visiting them because of a simple oversight within state government. I hope we can take care of this in time so that summer programs can continue as planned, with no additional cost." Rep. Will Tuell of East Machias sponsored the bill, according to the release.

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the holidays, and will finish this semester in early May.

While all the students are enjoying the program, their reasons are varied.

"Ashley Savage said, 'My favorite part is knowing that by the end of this semester, I will have a whole year of college under my belt as a senior in high school. I also really like my instructors. They are so helpful and push me to work harder.'"

She said her favorite class last semester was English. "I learned so many new skills that I can take out into the real world," she said. "This semester I am looking forward to my technical writing class because it will hopefully count towards the engineering program I will be involved in next year."

Hayley Peterson said all her past and present classes at CMCC are giving her credits for her field of study.

"My favorite part is experiencing the independence of college, while still having support from my high school," she said.

Hayley is hoping to become a detective, and will be studying Criminal Justice.

Jessica Dine, who is new to Telstar and joined the program for the spring semester, said, "I can't wait to take some of the more specialized classes after years of taking the same core classes over and over

again. It's great to finally be allowed a real choice in the courses we take." She said the variety of classes is beyond what she was expecting.

Cameron Rothwell said that all his classes are relevant to his future, particularly his Web Development class, which teaches him a programming language for websites that will be useful in his interest in Game Design.

Rebecca Howard said her favorite part is "the freedom that comes with the program and the feeling of just getting ahead. Doing this program has increased my confidence, knowing that I could take honors and AP classes in high school and do well in them made me feel good, but for me, knowing that I can take college courses and do just as well takes away fears about college."

She is taking many classes that count toward her major, including Statistics and Psychology, as well as Interpersonal Communication and a Biology lecture and lab.

The latter two classes do not count toward her degree, but will be helpful since she wishes to be in the science field.

Asked how the Dual Enrollment, has helped her personally, she said, "The program helped me step out of my comfort zone. It has allowed me to have confidence in myself as well as encouraging me to challenge myself."

Olivia York said the class she was most looking forward to this semester was sociology. She added that she enjoys being able to attend her classes then leave, rather than having to stay at school and do 'busy work' to fill the time.

As for myself, I am enjoying the experience of meeting such a variety of people, as well as taking such interesting classes.

My favorite class during first semester was Anatomy and Physiology, and I am taking the second part in the spring semester.

I am also looking forward to my Ethics and Psychology classes. These three classes will be directly applicable to my future schooling and career, as I am planning on majoring in Medical Biology, and hopefully medical school after that.

While the students have different interests as well as reasons for liking the classes they are taking, they all agree that their least favorite part of the

experience is the long drive to the Auburn campus, and having to pay for the gas for transportation.

Some of the students have found a solution in carpooling and sharing the responsibility of driving.

Another downside is not being able to be a part of as many clubs at Telstar as they would like. Some students do still try to participate, communicating through email and attending events.

Being a part of the Dual Enrollment program at CMCC is beneficial to the current students, as well as to those who will attend in the future. The program has taught them how to successfully cope with a college schedule and workload, to take responsibility, and has helped improve their confidence.

It is preparing them to make an easier transition into college, and is giving them many different experiences teaching them new personal skills.



Amber Souve and Olivia York take a break between classes at CMCC. A. Bear

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Final end of an era as old Andover mill building comes down

By ALISON ALOISIO

The century-old Andover spool mill building was taken down last week, and members of the family who formerly owned it were on hand to watch and reminisce about the mill's heyday in the mid-20th century.

The mill, along with many others in the state, was owned in the 1920s through early 1950s by the Stowell family. The mill made wooden spools for thread.

Brothers Peter and George Stowell, of West Gardner and Falmouth, respectively, and their cousins David and John Percival and Paula Smith of Andover grew up in Andover in the 1940s and 50s.

Peter has written about the family mills.

His great-grandfather, Newton Stowell of Dixfield, began buying and building spool mills around 1903 and wound up owning mills in Dixfield, Andover, Bryant Pond, Weld, Phillips, Farmington Falls, North Anson, North New Portland, and Bethel, according to Peter.

"Additionally, he owned sawmills all around Oxford and Franklin Counties. More than 20 have been identified," Peter said.

The Andover mill, known originally as the Elliot and Bartlett Spool Mill, was built around 1918, the year the owners' mill in Albany burned, he said. Rather than rebuild that one they built one in Andover. "to be near and untapped and plentiful supply of white birch, the wood used nearly exclusively for spools for cotton thread," Peter said.

Newton Stowell bought the mill in the 1920s.

After many years of operation by his son, George P. Stowell, the Andover Mill was sold in 1953. It has been known since then as the Favreau Mill, the Bolduc Mills, Andover Wood Products and Ethan Allen.

The property is now owned by Steve Swasey, who uses another building as a maintenance garage for his company.

Childhood mischief

As the mill came down last week, David Percival remembered walking by it several times a day on the way to and from school. In their free time, he and George, who were about the same age, would stop by "to see what kind of trouble we could get into," David joked.

Mostly they went to watch all the overhead pulleys and belts in operation. "We liked to watch everything turning," he said.

But their safety minded grandfather - if he saw them - would make them leave.

"If we saw him coming we'd run upstairs, where the spools went to be sorted. The bonus was the ladies up there would always have a cookie for us," recalled David.

He also remembered that the mill whistle blew several times a day - 5:30 a.m. to wake up employees, 7 a.m. to mark the beginning of the work day, 11:30 a.m. to start lunch break, 12:30 to end it, and 4:30 p.m. to mark the end of the day.

David also recalled it blow steadily one day - Victory over Japan Day (V-J Day) at the end of World War II.

"The whistle would also blow if there was a fire, so George and I ran down to the mill. But a fireman said, 'There's no fire - the war is over,'" said David.

Peter also had memories of visiting the mill:

"My friends and I would sneak into the dry kiln area and push the rail carriages back and forth for a ride. They were used to transport piles of birch squares in and out of the kiln. I also remember that my father, George, being the owner's son, traveled to the mill each Saturday to perform maintenance on the Caterpillar engine that powered the mill. Sometimes I went with him, and always braced myself and covered my ears when he started the engine, as it was about the loudest noise I had ever heard."

Peter said the Andover mill "was the last of the spool mills, not only Stowell's, but perhaps any of them."

As the work to take it down progressed and Peter's brother and cousins departed, "I had a great feeling of loss, pride, yearning, and nostalgia," he said. "I stayed back for a final walk-through. The ghosts of all those lives spent making spools were with me. It was very satisfying - and simultaneously sad as well."



STOWELL FAMILY MEMBERS posed together last week just before work to take down the mill building behind them began. Front: Paula Smith, John Percival, David Percival. Back: Peter Stowell, George Stowell.

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This photo from 1920 shows the mill when it was still known by the name Elliott and Bartlett.

Courtesy Peter Stowell



An excavator tears down one side of the old Andover spool mill building. The dust in the air is fine sawdust. The structure was taken down out of safety concerns, owner Steve Swasey said.

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The Way I See It

by Sharon Bouchard

I have had little to complain about this winter. The price of oil and gas is the lowest I've seen in years. The temperature, with the exception of the recent subzero weather, has basically been pretty mild. Even snowstorms have been minimal and dropping most of their fury to the north or south of us.

For the first time in recent memory or even longer I have kept my mouth shut, at least where winter is concerned.

Since being a complainer is a natural state of mind for me I have had to turn my attention elsewhere. My husband, poor guy, would be a good target, but he's so darn easy there's just no point. An occasional barb here and there in his direction is good enough to keep me in verbal shape and to keep Henry's blood flowing.

Fortunately for me and Henry as well, it's the political season and that gives me ample opportunity to exercise my tongue.

I have watched most of the debates on both sides of the political aisle and I am absolutely amazed how little policy is revealed by the candidates and how much venom is spewed. How on earth can voters be expected to make an informed decision when the time comes to vote when the candidates only expound on the flaws of the other candidates?

When they are forced to talk about where they stand on issues they give vague answers to what they will do as president, sounding very much like the House and Senate do not exist. We hear a lot of "I WILL do this," and "I WILL do that." Come on people, the President doesn't operate in alone. We live in a democracy, not a dictatorship, thank God!

All of the candidates seem to me to be doing fairly well in their present careers. They all appear to be financially secure, some more than others,

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but I don't think any of them are concerned about putting food on their tables next week like a good many of the voters.

So I have to wonder why any of them would want to be president. That is the most thankless job in America. No matter how good a job a President does, the political party that he or she isn't will say he or she is doing a terrible job.

Though the President

lives in a house of splendor, he or she can only reside in it from four to eight years then they have to pack up and move.

There is no privacy in their lives, nor the lives of their families. Every move they make whether it relates to national security or going on vacation is open to public scrutiny and much of the public will be critical about it.

Secret Service people follow the president and the First Family everywhere they go. Unfortunately there is always the potential of some nut job wanting to pull a Lee Harvey Oswald. That in itself should be a deterrent from wanting such a job.

And let us not forget the president has to play nice or at least be diplomatic with some world leaders who are not very nice people. That can't be easy to do.

And yet, there are several people right now who are doing everything they can to get this job. They are either crazy or brilliant, I can't decide which.

Hopefully the rest of this winter will be mild and the fuel prices will stay low and snowstorms will stay away. The way I see it I don't need bad weather to complain about because the president wannabes will keep my tongue busy from now until November and the way I see it that will be a will make Henry very grateful.

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Bethel

By DON BENNETT



The main event downtown this week was the reopening of The Gem Theater at the Casablanca with new digital projectors. On Wednesday when I stopped in there was a crew hard at work getting old woodwork out for a trip to the transfer station and painters up on ladders doing their thing. Then on Friday Wade escorted me up to the projection room so I could get a photo of what the digital projectors look like. From the rear they look like an extra-large desk top computer lying on its side with a portable hard drive connected by cable. The hard drive held the movie, Star Wars with a PG-13 rating should have gotten a good crowd.

Perley Flint and Boscobuck Camps

In the 30s and 40s Perley Flint had achieved almost folk hero status among the people I knew who belonged to my parents' generation. Boscobuck Camps lay about 65 miles from Bethel, traveling through Errol on the way to Willsons Mills. In many respects Boscobuck Camps were similar to the Kellogg Camps of North Newry. A 1931 Citizen article noted that they were "deep in the heart of the

Maine wilderness... and created a haven for world-weary folk and sportsmen."

The camps were (and still are) located at the northern end of Aziscohos Lake. The original camp site had been started before Perley arrived on the scene. However, in Bethel history he is credited with starting the camps and bringing them to the point they are today. Flint had been a guide in his earlier days with a love of forest and streams according to his sketch in the 1931 Citizen. He built the Camps into a retreat of 24 log cabins and main hall with "modern equipment and facilities," larger I believe than the Kellogg Camps in Newry. Boscobuck Camps "saw guests return annually from Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and many sections of the mid-west."

Perley Flint was in the same generation as my grandparents; he was born in Bethel in 1873, which put him in his later thirties when he got into real camp development. Perley died in 1950 and his daughter Marguerite continued to operate the camps until 1964. Marguerite (Peggy) married Freeland Clark who died in 1959; later she married Ed (Mike) Quinn. Freeland and Peggy were occasional visitors to the Crosby/Williamson patch in Sunday River. Victoria Robertson said that her grandmother, Sadie

Robertson, had worked as a baker at the Camps for several years. Betsey Foster told me that Stella Eames cooked at Boscobuck Camps one time and that she, Betsey, was at Boscobuck for a few days several years ago. She said then that the place had not changed much. She talked to a couple who had flown in from Rangeley for dinner there. \$250 for the flight up, dinner, and the flight back! And it was meatloaf for dinner.

(http://www.thebethel-journals.info/Inns/BoscobuckCamps.htm.)

Only Sixty Years Ago - 1956

The Gould Academy winter carnival ski events for downhill and slalom racing were held on the "Town Ski Hill" (on Vernon Street). Saturday and Sunday's ski events took place at the Swans Corner ski slopes and ski jump.

New plants of (concrete) block construction were completed at Bryant Pond, Stowell Silk Spool Company, and at West Bethel, Newton and Tibbetts, Inc. Both plants replaced former wooden buildings lost in fires in 1955. Other new buildings of block construction included Bucky's Service Station on Bridge Street (now site of Big Apple and Dunkin' Donuts, Mayville Road) and shops for the chain saw agency of Lloyd Lowell and the welding business of Edward Lowell. And other new buildings went up for housing old town records and the dial equipment of the Van Tel and Tel Co.

On Cross Street a new designed debarker was installed at the Richard Davis saw mill. And in Mayville a new garage and show room for the Carter Farm Equipment Co. was completed. This latter building is now called Mayville Junction and houses the Cross Excavation Co office. And at Hanover Dowel Co. a new two story addition was completed.

day, though, the temperature never got above 9F. The wind, however, has calmed and I'm hoping it stays warm enough that the pipes don't freeze again.

People who don't live in a cold climate think that frozen pipes are a problem only in old drafty houses in rural areas. Not true. About twenty years ago I was at a conference over New Year's at the Palmer House, an historic and not-too-shabby establishment in Chicago. The hotel had every faucet running in the public bathrooms because they feared the pipes were going to freeze. They had also posted hotel employees in the bathrooms to make sure guests didn't turn off the water.

The first Lenten Lunch is today, Feb. 18, from 12 to 1 p.m. at the West Parish Congregational Church on Church Street. A light lunch of soup, bread, and fruit will be served, followed by a brief reflection on the theme of "Questions Jesus Asked." The ecumenical lunches are sponsored by local churches and are free and open to everyone. This year's lunches will be on Thursday, Feb. 18 and 25 and March 3, 10, and 17.

This Saturday, Feb. 20, at 1 p.m. the Bethel Library will host a discussion and book signing with author Naya Clifford, whose debut novel Into the North Woods, is set against the backdrop of the White Mountains. Her characters are pushed into the center of an environmental controversy and are forced to confront religious extremists and radical terror groups. Clifford is a local author. She lives in Maine with her family and has a home in Greenwood.

If you have news to share, please e-mail me at brown-nancy1950@gmail.com.

West Bethel

By KAREN PAUL



Sisters are strange creatures. We think we are so different from each other, yet we often finish each other's sentences or say the exact thing at the exact time. My sister Audrey Brooke called me this morning and requested that we go out to eat in Bethel to celebrate our birthdays. She loves Chinese at Kowloon, but we soon discovered they were closed today. We discussed restaurant options for Monday lunch. We finally decided we'd try the Sunday River Brew Pub as they are under new ownership. We agree to meet early at 11 a.m.

Audrey is exactly on time and I am a minute late (my mom used to tease me saying I was ALWAYS late). I never wanted to disappoint her so it was easy to always be a bit late. The hostess at the Brew Pub knew me and wanted to catch up so I was trying not to be rude. Discussion follows with "the sister" about being on time and I try to explain my case.

Can I help it that after living and working in Bethel for 60 some years a few people know me?

Born the last week in January, Audrey and I are Irish Twins. I was a late Valentine present. We are both the same age for 23 days which has been fun and frustrating at the same time. We usually get together and have lunch and catch up on each other's calamities and miracles. Audrey has been blessed with five grandchildren ages 5 to 15 and I am expecting my first miracle this month. My daughter Eva will bless the universe with a boy, Walter, sometime in the next couple weeks and I shall travel to Colorado to share in the miracle and marvel at the newest member of our clan.

We both, Audrey and I, chose salads for lunch, she the Greek and I the Caesar. What is it about those European salads? She loves the Feta and me, well, the Italian Parmesan tasted as fresh as if I just stepped from a gondola. I am obsessed with a television show called "Chopped" and to not get chopped in this competition, presentation, flavor, and texture are very important. All three of the criteria for winning chopped made high grades as our lunch plates impressed us both. Sisters may be different creatures, but we agreed we'd definitely come back here again.

East Bethel

By WALLY RITZ

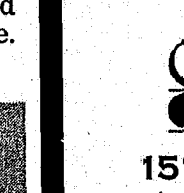


I hope everyone made it through this winter's first deep freeze. Heard about some dealing with frozen pipes, but nothing major. Next week we can reflect on the upcoming bad weather. Let's hope it ended up being snow or rain rather than ice. Call me at 507-1008 or e-mail heinrichcracker@gmail.com to let me know how you fared.

Please, accept my apologies for forgetting to give you the answer to the Trivia. So better late than never, here it is: the petition for the discontinuance of the Hanover Ferry was dated March 20, 1934.

Upton

By JOE BERNIER



I believe that the Ladies did serve breakfast Sunday, but it was 21 degrees below zero at my house that morning and I decided that it was too cold to leave my dog hooked outside. Penny and Neil cooked breakfast here, so I did not starve. Penny and I celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary last Sunday. Our "kids" made a dinner res-

ervation and purchased a gift certificate for us for the Valentine's Day dinner special at Sudbury Inn. The meal was worth every penny they spent. One of the anniversary cards that we received came addressed to Mr. and Mrs. J.E.B. - too funny; thanks Nita and Vance.

Did all you ice-fishermen remember to mark your calendars for the State Line Fishing derby? It will be held Saturday, Feb. 27. The Upton Planning Board will meet Friday, Feb. 26 at the Town Office. Please call 533-2010 or e-mail backstjoe@gmail.com with your local news.

Andover

By JANE RICH



"BRR," was the most frequently heard comment on Sunday morning in Andover. I heard many low temperature reports ranging from 25 to 13 below zero. As usual there seemed to be a contest to see who could report the lowest temperature.

Tonight, Thursday, Feb. 18, NAMI FaithNet's "Bridges of Hope" program will be presented at the First Congregational Church beginning at 6 p.m. The program will explore the path between faith and mental health challenges. Snow Date is March 3.

The Snow Valley Sno-Gers snowmobile club will hold its next regular meeting on Wednesday, March 2 at 6:30 p.m. at the clubhouse, off Route 5, Andover. The featured question of the evening is "Where's the Snow?" Please join them for discussion of this and other related subjects.

Lovers of the traditional Birthday Supper which has been an annual event in Andover since the 1930s will be pleased to know that the tradition continues in 2016 with the date of the supper to be April 30 at the First Congregational Church. Details will be forthcoming.

Town Clerk Melinda Averill reminds citizens that the past-due date has arrived for licensing your dog. The late fee is \$25. As usual you will need to bring proof of spaying or neutering and a current rabies inoculation document when you register your dog.

Road Commissioner, Mark Farrington, has made a snow scoop for the front loader to help in clearing the school parking lot and other areas in town. The best part of this endeavor was that it was made totally from scrap metal and parts around the Town Garage at no cost to the town with the exception of welding rod. A new snow scoop of this type would have cost the Town about \$5,000. Way to go Mark! This economy certainly helps the overall

From the

OCSD Patrol Log

Monday, Feb. 8

At 7:45 a.m. a cell phone from Bethel was brought to the computer crimes unit for download by Deputy Josh Wyman.

Thursday, Feb. 11

At 6:08 a.m. Sgt. Tim Holland investigated a car accident on the East Bethel Road in Bethel. The driver lost control on a corner, hitting trees.

Friday, Feb. 12

At 12:43 p.m. Cpl. Justin Brown responded to Tyler Street in Bethel for a harassment complaint.

At 2:38 p.m. Deputies Josh Daley and Andy Whitney attempted to serve a protection from abuse order on the West Bethel Road in Bethel. There was no contact with the subject.

At 4:52 p.m. a caller from Bethel reported an IRS scam.

Saturday, Feb. 13

At 2:50 a.m. Deputy Steve Witham responded to the Intervale Road in Bethel for a single-vehicle rollover. No one was hurt.

At 3:14 p.m. Deputy Andy Whitney stopped a vehicle on the Sunday River Road in Bethel for a speeding violation. A citation was issued.

Sunday, Feb. 14

At 5:43 a.m. Deputy Matt McDonnell responded to a building on Broad Street in Bethel for a report of vandalism. Investigation revealed forced entry was made into the building and property was damaged inside. The incident was under investigation.

Monday, Feb. 15

At 9:11 a.m. Deputy Derek MacDonald was asked to contact a Bethel caller regarding a homeless subject needing shelter.

From the

OCSD Jail Log

Feb. 13, 8:54 p.m.: Nathan K. Bailey, 41, of Bethel, attempting to elude an officer, violation of bail conditions; by Deputy Steve Witham in Gilead.

Bethel

By NANCY BROWN



I was disappointed with last week's weather: two tiny snow storms that left us with no more than an inch of powdery snow blowing eddies across the roads. It would be good to have a little more snow here in the valleys to make the snowmobilers and snowshoers happy.

Also, the lack of snow really hurts us when the temperatures dip below zero, and the wind chill is -35F as it was on Saturday night. The snowbanks help insulate our houses against the bitter cold that February and March bring. On Saturday night not only did our pipes freeze, but the pump froze as well. Fortunately, we know how to haul water from the local spring if we have to. Even better, a plumber was at the house and had thawed our pipes and pump by 9 a.m. on Sunday. On Sun-

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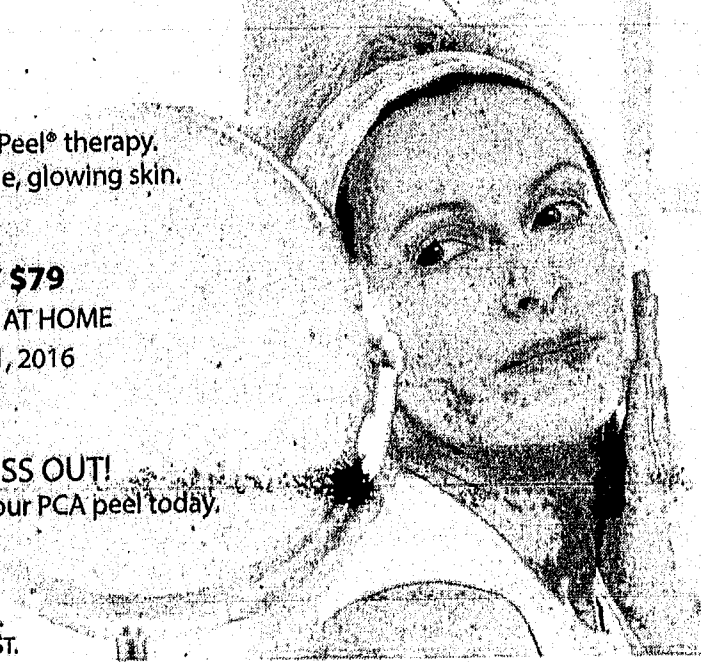
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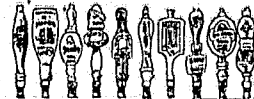
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budget. The Andover Democratic Caucus will be held on March 6 at 1 p.m. in the downstairs room of the Town Hall. The caucus will vote for their preference for President and elect delegates and alternates for the Democratic State Convention to be held May 6 and 7 in Portland. Bob Duplessie, caucus convener, stated, "The Town Clerk will be available starting at 12:45 p.m. to register any new voters or unenrolled/Independent citizens that wish to take part in the Democratic caucus that day." The start time of the presidential preference will be after 1:15 p.m. Any registered Democrat can also request an absentee ballot through the Maine Democratic Party prior to March 2.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Charles E. Burnham, Jr. known locally as Bucky and Musket. Bucky was part of the 4 p.m. group at Mills Market and will be missed. He had an interesting life which included the Marines and his assignment to the White House on guard duty. Services will be held on Saturday, Feb. 20 at 11 a.m. with Rev. Jane Rich and Pastor Linda Couture officiating.

If you have news, please e-mail me at jrich@twc.com or phone 392-3761.

Locke's Mills

By AMY WRIGHT CHAPMAN

Sympathy is extended to Hazel Cole and family in the loss of Irving Cole, who passed away last Thursday.

I remember meeting Irving when I first went to work at Bob's Corner Store in the late 1970s. He was always reliably cheerful and kind and he will certainly be missed.

Irving was a longtime member of the Greenwood Fire Department, and his family has asked those who wish to do so to donate to the GFD in his memory.

I just heard this morning (Tuesday) that another pillar of our community, Eleanor Inman, has passed away. Election Day won't be the same without Eleanor serving as ballot clerk. My thoughts and prayers are with Milt and her family, and also with her dear friend (and mine), Cynthia Lamb, and her church family at the First Universalist Church of West Paris, all of whom will miss her dearly.

Gilbert Dunham was taken to the hospital after suffering a mild stroke on Saturday, and was able to

return home on Monday. Thankfully, Barbara says he is doing well and there does not appear to have been any long-term damage.

At their last meeting, the Greenwood selectmen voted for a resolution in support of a collaborative approach to the Age-Friendly Community Program. By joining with Bethel and other area towns to help provide the supports that make it possible for seniors to "age in place," instead of having to leave their homes as they age, we will be breaking new ground.

The AARP and the World Health Organization have established a nationwide network of Age-Friendly Communities, but none, so far, in which towns have utilized a collaborative approach. Peter Musso has volunteered to be the community contact for Greenwood in the project.

A lack of available transportation has been identified by a large number of seniors as one factor that might prevent them from remaining in their homes as they age, so that will be an early focus of the local AFCCP.

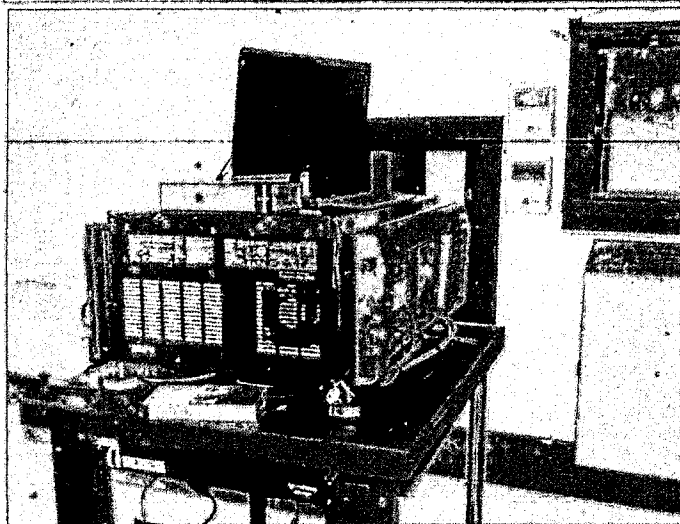
The Greenwood Bicentennial Committee met last week and heard from Steve Marson of Central Maine Pyrotechnics, who is promising the best fireworks display the town has ever seen for our 200th birthday celebration on Aug. 13.

If you haven't already, be sure to mark your calendars for the full weekend of bicentennial events on Aug. 12-14, including a parade, food and craft vendors, concerts and other entertainment, art show, gem and mineral show, old-time slide show, Locke's Mills School reunion, fish fry, chicken barbecue, and more.

I spent this past weekend in Portsmouth, N.H. My daughter Caitlin made a quick trip east from Colorado to attend a birthday party in Boston on Saturday for a college friend's one-year-old son. On Sunday she drove up to Portsmouth and met me at our friend Donna's house, and my daughter Annie drove there from her home in Pike, N.H. to join us, too.

I wasn't expecting to get to see Caitlin between Christmas and her next planned trip home, probably not until summer, so this was a nice bonus visit. We all enjoyed one of our favorite activities, thrift store shopping, as well as a visit to a farm with adorable 10-day-old baby goat triplets, which we got to hold and bottle-feed.

Will has finished scanning and digitally archiving all of the glass plate negatives in the



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The Gem Theater in Bethel reopened last week, following a period of renovation and conversion to digital projection. Above, the billboard shows times for movies playing this week: Star Wars, The Revenant and Good Dinosaur. Left, the new digital projectors showing the attached hard drive with a movie.

A. Aloisio, D. Bennett

Greenwood Historical Society's Nettie Maxim collection. He's now working on the Guy Coffin negatives, taken at about the same time, around the turn of the 20th century, as well as some earlier stereoscopic images taken on Main Street by an unknown photographer around 1875. For a small local historical society, GHS is fortunate to have some very special items in its collections.

Have a great week! E-mail your news to amy.w.chapman@gmail.com, leave a message at 875-5511, or contact me on Facebook.

Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN

Well, the cold weather finally arrived. Last Saturday night the thermometer at the house dipped to 14 degrees below zero. On Sunday, the temperature rose to just a little above zero.

My brother, Steve McLain, was kind enough to stop at the house last Saturday to pick up a bag of trash for the Transfer Station. That was a big help since I did not want to make the trip myself!

Lise McLain attended the Bethel Senior Citizens meeting last week at the Crosstone Restaurant in Woodstock and conducted the meeting.

There were a lot of birds at the feeder this past weekend. When the cold weather arrived, the feed-

er got really busy. There was a large group of juncos and sparrows. At one point, there were two male cardinals that appeared to feed.

Tanner McLean came over before school one day last week to clean up the dusting of snow that fell overnight. I had a nice path when I went out to get the newspaper.

Norm Buttrick and Bob and Judy Bishop called to see what the latest news from Gilead was.

Happy Birthday wishes for February go out to Chris Chapman for Feb. 21 and belatedly to "Peachy" McLain, who had a birthday on the 11th.

I missed her birthday and also, the Feb. 1 birthday of Leo Croteau, who is Michele Chapman's father. There has just been too much going on to keep up, I guess.

Town Office
The selectmen met on Feb. 10 and finalized the budget.

All three selectmen (Jeremy Morin, Steve McLain and Alfred Leighton) were present, along with the Tax Collector/Administrative Assistant (Judy Perrille) and the Town Clerk/Treasurer (Linsley Chapman).

The warrant for the Annual Town Meeting on March 26 was adjusted, printed out and signed by the selectmen. The Annual Town Report is finished and will be going to the printer next week.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

Hanover

By MARIA HOLLOWAY

Condolences go out to the family of the late Arthur Hicks of Hanover who passed away last Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2016. He is survived by his wife JoAnne Hicks and three children Nathan, Anne and Benjamin. Services were held last week in Portland. Arthur and his wife JoAnne's passion for skiing brought them to the area to retire many years ago. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Hicks family.

The Busy Bees continue to meet on Tuesday afternoons from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Library. Chris Hoyt is teaching the Bees the art of Swedish weaving. Lynne Ramsey is leading an effort to provide newborn babies at Rumford Hospital with quilts for their trip home from the hospital. Anyone interested in participating in this feel good project may inquire at the Library. Fabric, batting and instruction on how to make the 30" x 30" quilts will be provided. Stop in at the Library on Tuesday afternoons, or any time on Wednesdays or Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Got news, questions, comments? Please e-mail HanoverMENews@gmail.com.

Mason

By RICHARD GROVER

Following are some of the observations I made note of in Mazatlan, Mexico. The first is that spoken Spanish pronounces all vowels. Thus, Paul explained that his name is pronounced with two syllables, as in "Pa-ool." It sounds kind of funky until you get used to it.

Another is that traffic regulations in Mexico differ significantly from U.S. practices. STOP signs (ALTO in Spanish) are recommendations, not absolutely mandatory, according to Paul. Also, highway signage is skimpy: many roundabouts (traffic circles) are unmarked; everyone proceeds as he/she dares, and the biggest vehicles have the right of way! Pedestrians do NOT have the right of way; they are at risk unless crosswalks are specifically marked and delineated by flashing lights. Many intersections or lane merges are unmarked, so you proceed with caution as quickly as you dare. Many streets in Mazatlan are narrow and one way, but you can only tell which way by the direction parked vehicles are facing. Some intersections are marked with ALTO signs, but many are not.

There are few street lights in rural villages or suburbs, so driving at night is risky (at least seemingly so to me). Speed limits in rural villages are often not marked. One village Paul drove us through had no signs, but closely spaced speed bumps necessitated a speed of about 20 MPH or less to avoid being really shaken up! Paul told us it was intended to slow passers-by down so they were more likely to stop at restaurants or other small shops in the village. (a nod to the chamber of commerce!).

State and local police vehicles have their red and blue lights flashing continuously as they drive around. Paul said you don't have to stop for them. "The lights are on just so you know they are around," he said. The federal police (Federales) are a different entity; you need to pay attention to them and behave yourself when they are around!

We enjoyed our visit there with Paul doing the driving, but I would be reluctant to drive my own vehicle there. Buses and taxis for me!

Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM

Two weeks ago I wrote that winter had finally hit, but I was so wrong.

The last few days it has been below zero when I got up. This a.m. may have been the coldest we'll see this winter. It was the coldest I've seen in more than 10 years. When I got up - at least when it was light enough to see the temperature, it was an even 30 degrees below zero. That was some cold.

Pipes froze in older houses and people had to dress warmly just to leave the house. I wore long johns for the first time in years. I also wore a winter jacket for the first time this winter. I hoped to wear my long coat, but I could find it nowhere. Go figure. In any case, I hope all stayed suitably warm through

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these past few days. They promise 40 degrees above tomorrow or the next day.

Thursday, Feb. 18, MMGM will hold their third Thursday talk at the Gem Museum at 99 Main Street in Bethel. Speaker will be: Arthur Hussey II, Prof of Geology Emeritus at Bowdoin College.

Missed all the winter outdoors funs, but more will follow. To that end, there is a number of community suppers planned. In Waterford, on Feb. 20, 5 to 6:30 p.m. there is a turkey dinner at the North Waterford Congo Church on 15 Green Road across from Melby's. The cost is \$10 and take out is available. This is hosted by the Waterford World's Fair Association.

Earlier that day there is also the Great Lakes Association Winter Carnival in Downtown Bridgton. FMI please call 647-3472.

Feb. 20 there will be a book signing by local author Naya Clifford who will read from and sign her first novel, Into the North Woods. It is about a family's experience with environmental activists and fanaticism. FMI: 824-2520.

Feb. 20 at Tucker's in Norway, John Hasnip will be singing. Admission is free.

Feb. 27, also at Tucker's, Donny, Jewel, Rusty and friends will be singing. Both these events start at 8 p.m.

Feb. 25 at Applebee's in Oxford, there will be a fundraiser for research on hereditary spastic paraplegia (HSP). Local resident, Jeff Stern was recently diagnosed with this rare disease and is raising money for research into treatment and eventually a cure. Flyers for this event are available at Books 'N' Things in Norway, and through Sterns. The flyer will ensure that Applebee's will donate 15 percent of the meals to the fundraiser. FMI please contact Sterns at sternjm@hotmail.com or 595 0317.

The Waterford Library will be holding a blind date night with a book through Feb. 25. Call the library 583-2050 and be matched up with your date. Library hours are Monday 2 to 6, Wednesday 3 to 8, Friday 10 to 12 and Saturday 10 to 2. All are welcome.

Friday the library also offers coffee hour from 10 to 12. Enjoy coffee and time with your neighbors and friends. 583-2050.

That is all for this week. Stay warm and safe.

So. Woodstock

By LOLALEE DILLINGHAM



Feb. 15, 10:45 a.m. Another very cold, brisk day, minus 2 degrees upon arising this morning, it's now at 10 degrees and the sun is warming the house nicely and the warm sun is

melting the snow off from the roof.

Many folks are fighting just to keep their water pipes from freezing and getting their cars to start.

Condolences are going out to the families of Irene Sinclair, Irving Cole, Jean White Corriveau and Debra Irish. Thoughts and prayers to each family on their loss of a loved one.

A benefit supper will be held at the Paris Fire Hall (Western Avenue) on Wednesday, Feb. 24 at 5 p.m. for Sarah Miclon.

Bethel Alliance Church will be holding a Winterfest Event on Sunday, Feb. 28 at 21 Cole Road, Greenwood. This event will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. Bring your sleds, snowshoes and snow machines and a snack to share.

Lots of pine siskin, chickadees, finches and juncos hitting the feeders this morning. One lone woodpecker out there this morning, but he is enjoying the suet cakes put out for him.

The evening sunsets have been so beautiful over the past couple of weeks.

Well, that's all from the valley this week. Stay well and do enjoy each day.

SeniorsPlus presents 'Digital Hearing Aids'.

SeniorsPlus, the designated Western Maine Agency on Aging, announce the February offering of their Long Distance Learning program, connecting community members in the West Paris area with live educational seminars being held at the Lewiston Education Center of SeniorsPlus.

The class, Digital Hearing Aids, will be held on Thursday, Feb. 25 at 1 p.m. at the West Paris Library in West Paris.

The instructor, Doctor of Audiology, Ashlee Harrington-Vandiver, will give us information on hearing loss solutions.

She will discuss the different kinds of hearing aids available, the general cost of the technology and provide information on insurance reimbursement and funding options that may be available.

Community members who wish to join the classroom at the West Paris Library need to register with SeniorsPlus.

The class is free and all are welcome. For more information and to register, call 1-800-427-1241.

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Waterford Church honors longtime food bank volunteer



Alan Struck, Joan Fillebrown and Shirley Crowe.

Members of the Waterford Congregational Church honored Joan Fillebrown on Sunday, Feb. 7, for her more than 30 years of service with the Emergency Food Bank of Waterford. Fillebrown, 84, has retired after serving as treasurer and chief volunteer since 1989. The church raised \$1,000 from its congregation to donate to the Sweden Food Pantry in Fillebrown's name. Shirley Crowe, director of the Sweden Food Pantry, was on hand to accept the gift. The Sweden Pantry serves Waterford and surrounding communities, and will continue to accept and disperse Waterford donations.

Fillebrown was surprised and delighted when Moderator Alan Struck called her up to the front of the sanctuary during Sunday worship. "It meant an awful lot to me," she admitted later. "I was stunned, because I didn't think I had done anything spectacular," she said with predictable Fillebrown modesty.

Crowe joined her up front to accept the congregation's thanks and its gift. She said the donation would pay for two full months of food for Food Pantry clients. "Joan's an angel many times over for all the years she's been concerned for our neighbors," she said.

The Sweden Food Pantry serves an average of 40 to 50 families each month. Last November, 95 families took advantage of the Pantry. The highest number of families typically comes from Waterford. The resource also serves Sweden, Lovell, Fryeburg, Bridgton, Stowe, and Chatham, N.H. Crowe said that every gift of \$1 is the equivalent of \$8 worth of food from supermarkets.

Fillebrown, who grew up in Waterford and returned in retirement in

1981, first volunteered for the Emergency Food Bank in 1984 when it was housed in the East Stoneham fire barn. She became treasurer in 1989 and continued through the organization's moves to North Waterford and then to Waterford in the early 2000s. Church members have supported the Waterford Food Bank through monthly donations of food, and cash donations have been received from area organizations and individuals over the years.

Fillebrown is a beloved fixture of the community and its iconic Church. She has been full-time organist there since 1981, but began playing for some services at the age of 14 under the tutelage of the previous organist, Charlotte Fillebrown. The elder Fillebrown would become her mother-in-law in 1950 when she married Charlotte's son, Bill.

Her Food Bank duties may be behind her, but Fillebrown continues to serve the church in countless ways. Besides playing the organ every Sunday, she makes the coffee, started and supplied the mitten tree for children that was a regular part of Advent activities for many years, turns up the heat every Saturday afternoon in the cold season, and tidies up after services. "I'm the last one to leave the church every Sunday," she says. "I want to make sure everything is perfect before go."

Which is the way Joan seems to do everything she cares about. Waterford Congregational Church's pastor, the Rev. Petra Smyth, called Fillebrown a "shining example of selfless giving. I have witnessed firsthand how her commitment to the Food Pantry and families in need have had an enormous impact on our community."

Senior College: Is your tummy talking to you?

"Is Your Tummy Talking to You - Understanding Digestive Health" will be presented by Roberta Balon, MS, RD, CDE, on Thursday, March 3, from 4:30 to

6 p.m. at the Bethel Congregational Church, 32 Church Street, Bethel. The program is sponsored by To Your Health of Western Mountains Senior College (WMSC). Balon is the Clinical Nutrition Services Director at Androscoggin Valley Hospital, Berlin, N.H., where she works with clients from chronic diseases to wellness.

Balon said participants will learn the connection between how one's brain influences the digestive track, affecting the immune system. She will cover prebiotics and probiotics and how they help the body through diet. She said, "You will learn how to improve your overall gut health and see how the gut lining is the core of the body's immune system." She will also talk about

additional digestive problems from celiac disease, particularly the gluten free diet, to understanding causes and symptoms of irritable bowel syndrome (IBS).

Balon received her BS degree from Marymount College, Tarrytown, N.Y., and her MS degree from Connecticut State University, New Haven, CT. She did a dietetic internship at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston.

She lives in Gorham, NH with her family, where they enjoy outdoor sports activities offered by the area.

To Your Health is sponsored by WMSC with the collaboration of the Bethel Family Health Center and MSAD#44/Continuing Education. The public is invited and admission is free. Light refreshments available.

The final program in this year's series, "Move it or Lose it," the importance of fitness, will be held on Thursday, April 7. FMI call R. Tift at 824-2053.

News from SAD 44 Adult Education

Adult Education has been quite busy this winter. We have steady activity in all four departments: high school completion, college and career preparation, college through interactive television (ITV) and community enrichment. Western Mountain Senior College is also registering soon for their spring classes.

We are offering several free workshops for people interested in career exploration and perhaps a new career. On Feb. 25 we will host a workshop on career development that can help point you toward a career that suits you. On March 7 there is a workshop on becoming a part-time driver's education instructor. March 30 starts a two-part workshop that will explore different careers in the medical field.

A new spring course flyer will be mailed out the end of March. We are excited to introduce several new teachers and many new classes.

In the meantime, we have a few fun "March mini classes" to hold you over until the spring session starts. These include three-week extensions of our popular music classes with Simon Smith. India Baker will teach a workshop on Ukrainian eggs. You will learn the tradition craft of Ukrainian Easter Eggs (Pysanky) including history, traditions, colors and symbols as well as the principles of wax resist method of dyeing. You will have the opportunity to design and create your own egg just in time for the Easter holiday season. Check our website or call the office for more information.

We are thrilled to announce that we have enough people to run the bus trip to the Boston Flower and Garden Show. There are a few seats left, and we will keep registration open until the bus is filled. This should be a fun trip and the beautiful flowers and gardens will be a welcome sight at that point in the winter.

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Home Sweet Home for Andy



Andy Barlow seated at his kitchen window facing the mountains of Western Maine. The home, completed in January, is on Route 2 (Main Street) in Hanover. M. Holloway

By Maria Holloway

Andy Barlow is now enjoying the warmth and comfort of his new home. Just six months after the groundbreaking this past July, Andy moved into his Main Street home in Hanover last month. Fundraising efforts which began last spring raised over \$32,000 in private donations from the citizens of Hanover, Rumford, Newry, Bethel, Andover, Dixfield, Peru and the surrounding communities. Howard Bailey of Andover Log Homes stepped

forward and volunteered his services as contractor and builder to spearhead the project and shortly thereafter, many subcontractors and suppliers followed suit and donated labor, equipment and supplies for the cause. Having been born with spina bifida, Andy has been paralyzed from the waist down for most of his life and depends on a wheelchair and his ATV to get around. But mobility became quite challenging in an old New England rural farmhouse. Andy's friends realized

that the declining condition of the old homestead was increasingly difficult for Andy to maintain, from both a physical and financial standpoint. So they spearheaded construction plans and fundraising to build him a comfortable and affordable home. The community's response was overwhelming. At last the house is complete. Andy, family and friends are filled with an overwhelming sense of joy and gratitude. Thank you to all who supported the project to help make the dream a reality.

Bethel Senior Citizen news

The Bethel Senior Citizens Club met Feb 10 at the Crosstone Restaurant in Woodstock for their meeting and dinner with 33 members present. Vice-president Lise McLain conducted the meeting. The pledge to the flag was said and "God Bless America" was sung. Caroline Gould said the blessing. Reports were by Becky Keen and Arlene Lowell. Marilyn Gilbert won the door prize and Luna Ak-

ers the 50/50 raffle. The next meeting will be March 9 at Northland Dairy Bar in Berlin, N.H. We will be eating from the menu. All meals and gratuities will be each person's responsibility. The bus will leave The Bethel Health Center at 10:15 sharp. Non members are welcome, a donation of \$5 is requested to help pay for the bus. Call Arlene Lowell at 824-

2877 for reservation before March 1. Leaflets were passed out with information on the Age Friendly Community Program. If the meeting has to be cancelled it will be on Channel 8 WMTW. Happy Birthday was sung to those having February birthdays: Phyllis Cross, Barbara Mahler, Rhonda Mitchell, Barbara Patterson, Don Brooks and Rodney Jordan.

Honor roll

Telstar High School, Quarter 2

Grade 9	Josh Eliot, Kristi Hanscom, Elijah Laird, Luke Mason, Wynter Morin, India Orino, Sierra Ryerson, Kellen True.
Grade 12	Honors: Luke Angevine, Rachel Barton, Austin Bear, Carla Boyle-Wight, Kaitlyn Brown, Dharma Damon, Calvin Glover, Lexi Hart, Hayley Peterson, Emily Philbrick, Cameron Rothwell, Amber Souve, Blair Stevens, Savannah Vermette.
Grade 10	Honors: Lukas McGetchin, Gaelan Boyle-Wight.
Grade 11	Honors: Luke Davis,
High Honors:	Emily Hanscom, Emalee Harrington.
High Honors:	Marta Opie.
High Honors:	Lisa Gammon, Rebecca Howard, Ashley Savage.

AFC: Come to the transportation meeting

Respondents to our October survey overwhelmingly identified transportation as their top concern as they age in this community. We are not a large city like Portland. What few public transportation services there are in the Bethel area are not well-known. We are not a wealthy coastal community; some residents will have trouble affording expensive transportation options. Here's where "the rubber hits the road!" The Age-Friendly Community Project will sponsor a public meeting Wednesday, Feb. 24, 4 to 6 p.m. at the West Parish Congregational Church. This will be an opportunity to identify specific transportation needs and start the community conversation on how to address these needs. Special presenters will include not only service professionals, but also representatives from communities across the state with interesting solutions. A variety of related issues may be immediate for you. Or they may currently affect a family member or friend in our community. Or they may reflect your wise anticipation of your future needs. Where do you generally need/want to go and how often? Do you currently rely on other individuals or services to get you to appointments and gatherings? What services do you wish we had in our community? Remembering that the size and economics of the Bethel area necessarily pose some constrictions, what's on your wish list? Please come help us start the conversation. Could you drive a friend to the meeting? Can you get information to someone who might not be aware of the opportunity - and better yet, get their ideas for improvements? FMI: Nancy Davis (nancydavis.bethel@gmail.com, 381-1110).

Dean's List

The following students have been recognized for achieving Dean's List honors in the fall 2015 semester at University of Maine, Orono by completing 12 or more credit hours and earning a grade point average of 3.5 or higher: Daniel Vaughn of Andover, Anneliese Smith of Bethel, Kimberlei Dean of Greenwood and Matthew Michaud of Greenwood.

Annual Bethel Art Fair applications available

Attention artists and artisan crafters, the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce, in collaboration with Mahoosuc Arts Council, is accepting applications for the 27th Annual Bethel Art Fair, Saturday, July 2, 2016 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The festival will be held on the historic and beautiful Bethel Town Common. A variety of artists and fine crafters are being sought whose artwork represents oil, watercolor, pastel, encaustic, pen & ink, charcoal, colored pencil, tempera, acrylic, fiber art, sculpture, blown glass, wood carvings, jewelry, and more. All work is required to be of original design and creation of the exhibitor. Single booths are 12 x 12 feet in dimension and cost \$90. Applications must be received by June 15 for inclusion in the Bethel Art Fair program. As has become customary, the organizers have chosen one local artist to feature on the commemorative poster, as well as at the event. M. Dirk Macknight, a prolific photographer from Andover, Maine, has been chosen this year. A Presenting Sponsor, as well as a Youth Activity Sponsor are being sought to enrich the event's offerings. Sponsorship PR benefits are outlined on the website. Many thanks to Norway Savings Bank, Good Food Store & Catering Co., and River View Resort for committing support to date! FMI: Contact the Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce at 207-824-2282 or email info@bethelmaine.com. Artist/artisan and food vendor application and guidelines are also available on the website: www.bethelartfair.com

Moore Park Art Show news

A new website for the Moore Park Art Show was launched last week as the Town of Paris Parks & Recreation Committee opened application to artists, fine crafters, community groups and food vendors for the 2016 Moore Park Art Show, Sunday, July 31 (rain date Aug. 6). Information on \$400 of artist ribbons to be awarded, along with all applications and the venue map can be found on the website, designed by show Director Aranka Matolcsy (www.mooreparkartshow.biz). Artists and fine crafters

are invited to apply who represent paintings, drawings, photography, wood working, metal sculpting, weaving, metalsmithing glass blowing, beading, print and book making, quilting and more. All art work displayed must be the original design and creation of the exhibitor. Artists also have the opportunity to submit work for awards judging. Booth spots are 10 x 10' and cost \$65 for a single exhibitor. Shared booths are \$40 for each artist, up to four in a booth. Student booth fees are \$40 per booth, or \$25 each for a

shared booth. Exhibitors must supply their own tent, tables and display materials. Applications must be received by July 1 for inclusion in the Moore Park Art Show Program. No refunds for any reason will be issued after July 1, 2016. Community groups booth spots are \$30. Food vendor spots are \$75. Food vendors must provide proof of insurance with application. Please apply early as spots are limited. FMI: send email to mooreparkart@gmail.com or call 207-890-6386

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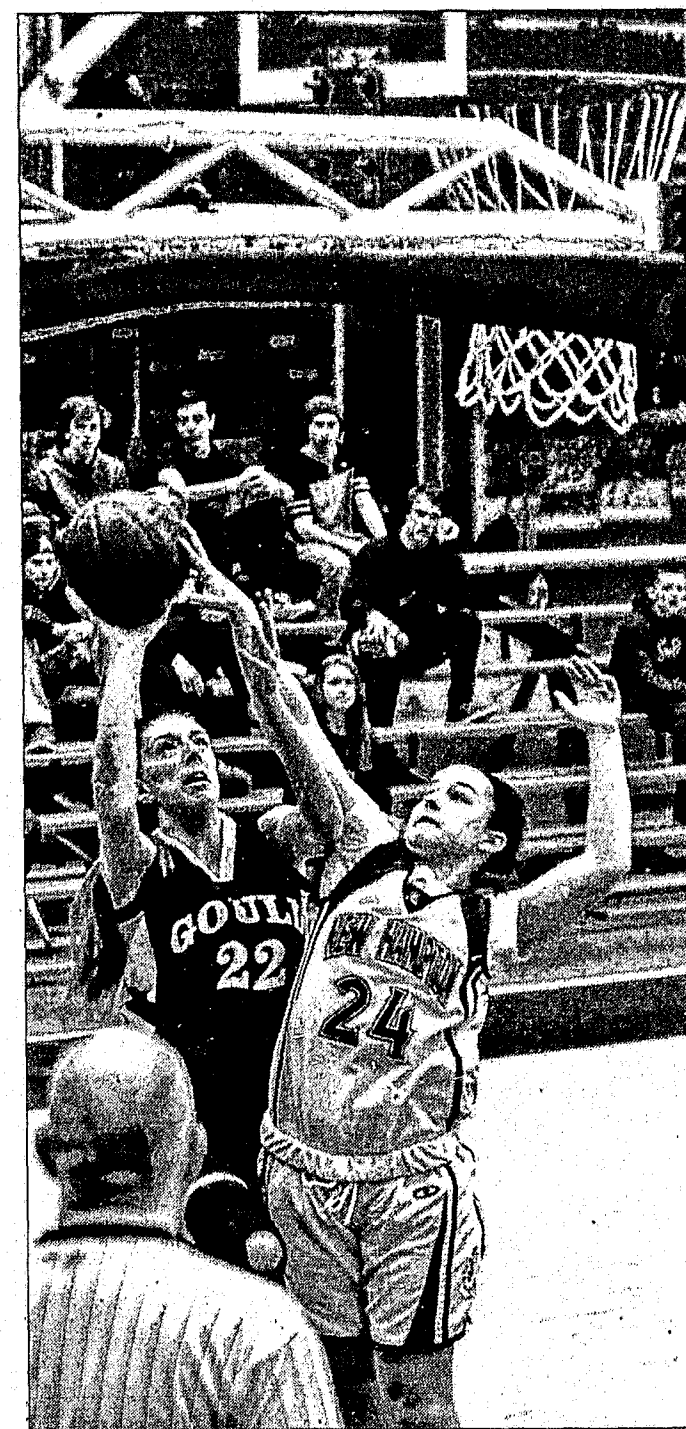
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Sports



MVC WINNERS-Telstar's Carla Boyle-Wight (top of podium, above) placed first and Marta Opie (right) 5th in the MVC Championship Classical Nordic Race at Black Mountain Feb. 11. In the photo below, the boys' Kellen True (right) placed 3rd in both the freestyle and classical MVC Nordic Races Feb. 10 and 11.

Marta Opie



High School Alpine Skiing

Telstar Boys Alpine/Nordic teams won the overall Mountain Valley Conference Championship

Giant Slalom at Black Mountain, Feb. 11-Mt. Valley 22, Telstar 35, Mt. Abram 47. Winning time: 1:45.16 Telstar finishers: 5.Kellen True 1:56.29; Joe Dillon 2:00.88; 11. James Newkirk 2:12.78; 13. Luke Davis 2:23.42.

Girls' Mountain Valley Conference Championship: Giant Slalom at Black Mountain, Feb. 11-Winning time 2:01.12. Telstar finishers: Paige Dutcher 2:24.78.

High School Nordic Skiing

Wednesday, Feb. 9 - The Telstar Nordic team traveled to Titcomb for the first day of the Mountain Valley Conference Championships. The race was freestyle with a mass start. **Girls' Results:** 1st Carla Boyle-Wight 19:46, 8th Kaitlyn Brown 23:19, 10th Marta Opie 23:53, and 31st Emily Hanscom 38:05. **Boys' Results:** 3rd Kellen True 18:31, 12th Gaalen Boyle-Wight 20:03, 13th Josh Eliot 20:06, 15th Ricco Call 20:39, and 16th Elijah Laird 20:46. -Coach Sarah Southam

Thursday, Feb. 10 - The Telstar Nordic team traveled to Black Mountain for the second day of the MVC Championships. This race was a classical pursuit race. **Girls' results:** 1st Carla Boyle Wight 21:04, 5th Marta Opie 23:44, 7th Kaitlyn Brown 24:49, and 31st Emily Hanscom 34:06. MVC team results for girls: 1st Monmouth Academy 76, 2nd Telstar 87, 3rd Dirigo 95. Carla was chosen as Skier of the Year for the MVC. **Boys' Results:** 3rd Kellen True 19:16, 7th Josh Eliot 19:57, 10th Gaalen Boyle-Wight 20:56, 13th Elijah Laird 21:40, and 17th Ricco Call 22:07. MVC team results for boys: 1st Mt. Abram 70, 2nd Dirigo 74, and 3rd Telstar 76.

Mt. Valley Rec Basketball League

LBI On Top in MVRBL - Laid Back Installers is in sole possession of 1st place in the Mountain Valley Rec Basketball League at 7-1, with a close win over a resilient The Crew, 87-82. At first it looked like LBI was going to build a big lead and cruise, but The Crew (4-5) came charging back and took a 5 point half time lead. LBI started off the 2nd half with a run and gun style, retook the lead and never looked back, although The Crew hung around the rest of the game. Chris Baxter led the winners with 26 points, supported by 18 from Owen Jones, Brandon Johnson with 15 and Eric Canwell with 12 points. The Crew was led by Jared McLean with 20, Rickey White 18, Justin CoCroft 13, and Cliff Turner and Jade Dutil with 10 each. In another good game, Tommy Guns (5-3) bested Bethel (3-5), 71-66. Bethel led at half time but couldn't hold onto their lead. Tommy Guns' Josh Thomas was high man on his team with 22 points, followed by Dave St. Germain with 18 and Juwan Daniels with 16. Bethel was paced by JT Taylor with 23 points and Ryan Savage with 11. While winless Jay (0-8) took a break for the week, M and M Carpentry (4-5) took advantage of a shorthanded Archie's (6-3), 86-64. M and M had Matt Zetts get 28 points, followed by Matt Newell with 18, Spenser Glover 15 and Jason Rosenberg with 10. Archie's Steve Lizotte led with 22 points, Glen Dubois hit 5 threes and 20 points and Brett Archibald had 12 more.

High School Girls' Basketball

Gould Academy 52, Hyde 46; Feb. 11- Gould Girls' Basketball picked off MAISAD top seed Hyde School, winning 52-46. Kayley Cadet led all scorers with 22 points, Priscilla Berdeja contributed 15 points, and Eva McMillan shot 8 points.

Gould Academy 35, New Hampton School 23; Feb. 13

Boys' Varsity Basketball

New Hampton School 75, Gould Academy 44; Feb. 13.

Left: Sophomore Eva McMillan goes up for a shot in Gould Academy's 35-23 win on Saturday against New Hampton School.

Andy Valley Softball expands in opportunities and ages



Emma Bunyea bats in a game last season.

Softball has never been stronger in western and central Maine, where summer of 2015 witnessed both 10-year old and 12-year old winning softball teams travel to regional tournaments in Connecticut and proudly represent the towns of Bethel, Bridgton, Harrison, Hebron, Mechanic Falls, Minot, Norway, Oxford, Otisfield, Poland, S.Paris, Sumner, Waterford and Woodstock.

As Andy Valley Babe Ruth Softball continues to be more popular than ever, spring and summer of 2016 will see the league expand to become a 14 and under league, with girls playing in 3 divisions of various abilities.

The Majors division will be comprised of mostly Middle School softball players and is being designed to complement the school season and allow for further development of middle school girls. In essence, a girl playing middle school softball can pick up an additional 15 games in May and June through their local town team and see playing time at a variety of positions.

The Minors division will be comprised of mostly 4th, 5th and 6th grade players who are developing their skills and enjoy the competition that exist among the 12 town team league.

The Rookies division will make up the youngest of girls, who are new to the game within the past 2 years and are developing different skills required for pitching, catching, infield, outfield and running the bases.

As Tracy Gagne, coach and Recreation Board member in Minot & Hebron explains: "Town softball offers girls the opportunity to play during the spring & early summer season, allowing families to keep their summer vacation time for themselves. Second, it offers an amazing opportunity at the end of the season for All Stars from each team to come together, form friendships with girls from other towns/teams, and play together against other teams from across the state."

The expansion to now include girls 14 & Under will offer All-Star teams at the 14 year old & under, 12 & under and 10 & under levels. As Lance Bean, coach of the 12U All-Star Team and Recreation Board Member in Woodstock explains: "We have the opportunity to grow softball in our towns, which is affordable to all, while also allowing girls who are dedicated to the game to play more games against local top level competition. There is something special when a team wears its town name or community name on a jersey. They play with pride and are willing to compete at the highest level!"

Registration for any of the league levels is being held at your local Town Office throughout late February and March.

Mt. Valley tournament

The 17th Annual Mountain Valley Recreational Basketball Tournament will be held April 1, 2 and 3. This competitive tournament will feature some of the best players in the state in our A division, along with other more seasoned veterans in the B and Senior Divisions. We will also try to host a Women's division this year. Games will be at Mountain Valley High and Middle Schools, with Dirigo High/Middle School as needed.

Last year the A and B divisions hosted 10 teams each. We would like to add an additional 6 or more Senior and Women's teams. All teams will play 3 round robin format preliminary games on Friday night and Saturday, followed by a single elimination playoff round on Sunday. Contacts: epaterson2@roadrunner.com, 207-364-9352; www.mvrbl.webs.com.

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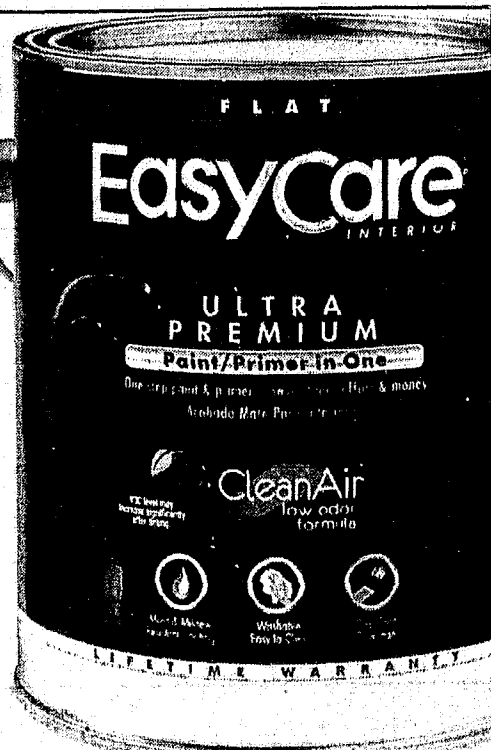
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Open Air

By TOM REMINGTON

The Fisher Cat: A Potentially Dangerous Critter

Most people know little about a wild animal in Maine most commonly called a fisher cat. That is because they are seldom seen, even to those who spend a great deal of time in the woods.

The name fisher cat is a misnomer because the fisher is not a member of the cat or feline family. It is a member of the Mustelidae family of animals – otter, badger, weasel, marten, ferret, mink and wolverine.

Those familiar with the critter know it is a formidable fighter and nothing to mess with, especially when it is feeding.

Because today we live in an age when more and more people want to pro-

tect wildlife, pushing for an end to fur bearer trapping and hunting, in human-settled landscapes we are being negatively treated to dangerous and harmful wildlife encounters.

Often for selfish reasons, people want to "view" more wildlife from the comfort of their vehicles and through their picture windows. Such protections often lead to human conflicts, which place the species at risk and threaten people and property. In this quest for more wildlife to "view," misleading and inaccurate information becomes too common and we end up believing in the harmlessness of the creatures we see. Any wild animal has potential to harm us and our property.

The fisher is not an exception. As a matter of

fact, the animal is sometimes equated with the fiercest of all fighters, the wolverine. (Note: Wolverines were officially declared extirpated many years ago in Maine. However, knowing the dangers of ridicule I will, no doubt, bring upon myself, I will go ahead and state that I clearly observed a wolverine in the Maine woods, not far from the Bethel region.)

The fisher is quite fearless, with few, if any, natural enemies. Its live weight, on average, is about 10 pounds – females smaller than males. However, they can become considerably larger – in excess of 15 pounds. The fierce fighter has been known to take down and kill coyotes and domestic dogs.

Just today I was reading

an account of the many problems an area of Rhode Island was having due to an unexplained (?) growth in the number of fishers. The wily animals have become so emboldened, perhaps due to human habituation, that they are readily coming out during the daylight hours looking for food – possibly your cat or dog, chickens, and other livestock.

Circumstances within our ecosystems often have strong influences on the behavior of wild animals. Lack of food is a common cause for increased encounters with people. Please understand that lack of food is most often the result of two things: shortage of natural food growth and too much competition. It is seldom thought, when people push strongly for more protec-

tions on wild species, that the action creates more competition for the same amount of food available. For decades wildlife managers have worked to keep healthy species through population control.

I have not heard of any incidents like those in Rhode Island taking place in Maine, but with the tendencies toward over-protection of wildlife species, there's a good chance you could have a visitor in your neighborhood. Not only could there be fisher, you could find bobcats, Canada lynx, mink, weasels, coyotes... and maybe even a wolverine? There are some things you can do to lessen the chances of these negative encounters.

First understand that wild animals belong in the wild. Feeding them, while

the intentions are good, can sometimes result in the death of those critters you are trying to protect. Second, don't leave garbage outside sealed containers. Third, don't leave pets outside, unattended or unprotected. They make for a quick meal. Move livestock indoors at night if possible. (No, I don't mean in your house, indoors.)

Wild creatures are opportunistic eaters. Under the right circumstances, circumstances of which we may not be aware of, animals are sometimes driven from their natural surroundings in search of food. The animals are also fast learners. Once they start finding a food source, often the only effective way of stopping them is killing.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Thursday, Feb. 18

Story Time at the Bethel Library; 10 a.m., Bethel Library, 5 Broad Street (across from the Common). Read a story, sing, and play at the library. A parent or caregiver must accompany the child. FMI call the library at 824-2520.

MMGM Third Thursday Talk; 3 to 4:30 p.m., Maine Mineral & Gem Museum, 99 Main Street, Bethel. Arthur Hussey II, Professor of Geology, Emeritus, Bowdoin College and MMGM Board Member, will present his lecture, "The Geology of Southwestern Maine." Professor Hussey holds a BS in geology and mineralogy from Pennsylvania State University, and a PhD in geology from the University of Illinois. He has assisted State Geologists of the Maine Geological Survey with mapping since 1958. FMI: www.mainemineralgemmuseum.org.

Pizza and a Movie Night; 5 to 9 p.m., Frank's Bar and Grille, Fall Line Condos, Sunday River. \$10 includes a large slice of pizza, beverage and ski movie. Proceeds benefit the Ski Museum of Maine.

Shadagee Ramblers; 6 to 9 p.m., Open Mic and pizza night, Loose Boots Lounge, Mt. Abram.

Movies Are Back in Town; Star Wars: The Force Awakens at 6:30 p.m. and The Revenant at 7 p.m. Concessions will be open. Movie posters featuring movies from the past 10+ years will be on sale in support of the Telstar High School softball team.

Saturday, Feb. 20

Book-signing and Discussion; 1 p.m., Bethel Library, 5 Broad Street. Maine author Naya Clifford will read from, sign, and discuss her debut novel, Into the North Woods, about a Maine family's experiences with environmental activism and fanaticism. Free and open to the public. Books will be available for purchase, and light refreshments will be provided. FMI: 824-2520.

Pork Roast Supper; 5 to 6 p.m., VFW Post 9787, 58 Lower Main Street, South Paris. Adults/\$8, kids (under 12) \$4.

Waterford World's Fair Public Supper; 5 to 6:30 p.m., North Waterford Congregational Church, Green Road, Waterford. Menu: Roast turkey and all the fixings, including homemade pie for dessert. \$10 per person. FMI: Lisa Scribner (890-7669).

Jones Dance Band; 7 to 10 p.m., Legion Hall, Church Street, South Paris. Adults/\$5. Old-fashioned dance music.

Sunday, Feb. 21

Hope Association's 41st Annual Ride-In; 12:30 to 2 p.m., Horizon's Unlimited, 319 Swain Road, Rumford. Buffet lunch and raffle drawing with great prizes including \$200 cash. Proceeds benefit the Hope Association.

Woodstock Republican Committee Meeting; 2 p.m., 61 Rumford Avenue, Bryant Pond. This meeting is to prepare for the upcoming Republican Caucus. All registered Republicans in the town of Woodstock are invited. This is an opportunity to meet like-minded people in your community. We will also be discussing the challenges that affect working people in Maine and the United States, the progress made, and what we, as citizens, can do to ensure Maine and its people keep moving forward.

Bethel Episcopal House Church Meeting; 3 p.m. in a Bethel area home. The Rev. Nancy Moore from Christ Episcopal Church, Norway, will lead the service and administer the Eucharist. All are most welcome for the service and a small coffee time following. For more information, please contact Rosemary Laban at 850-766-1241 or Christ Episcopal at 207-743-6782. Please join us!

Monday, Feb. 22

National School Choice Week Event; 10 to 11:30 a.m. and/or 6 to 7:30 p.m., The Eddy School, Newry. The Eddy is one of more than 12,000 schools participating in Choice Week, the goal of which is to shine a positive spotlight on all types of education options for children. FMI: <http://TheEddySchool.com> or schoolchoiceweek.com.

SeniorsPlus; 1 to 4 p.m., Fryeburg Library. Representatives will be on hand to answer any questions or concerns you may have about services and resources for older adults and adults with disabilities and their families. Free and open to the public. FMI/Appointments: 1-800-427-1241.

Regular SAD 44 School Board Meeting; 6:30 p.m., Crescent Park Elementary School.

Special SAD 44 District Budget Meeting; 6:30 p.m., Crescent Park Elementary School to authorize the purchase of 36.9 acre land parcel abutting Telstar for \$76,000.

Tuesday, Feb. 23

Chakras: Ancient Wisdom/Living Fully; 6 to 7:30 p.m., SAD 44 Adult Education, Telstar. During the workshop you will learn from instructor Emily Ecker about each primary chakra and how it correlates with specific physical, mental and emotional aspects of yourself. \$10 paid to Adult Education Center Register: 824-2136.

Wednesday, Feb. 24

Transportation: Is it a Problem for You or Your Loved Ones?; 4 to 6 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church, 32 Church Street, Bethel, sponsored by the Age-Friendly Community Project Team. Join the conversation about how we can have safe and affordable private and public transportation for those who are unable to drive themselves. Local and state experts will be on hand. All are welcome. Refreshments. FMI: Jackie Cressy (824-0508).

Community Supper (No Charge); 4:30 to 6 p.m., Bethel Alliance Church, 251 Walkers Mills Rd. (across from the Telstar parking lot). Call 207-824-2289 for more information.

Down Home Maine: Learn About the People of Palestine; 4:30-6:00, McLaughlin Auditorium, Gould Academy, Church Street. Jim Chandler has worked on-line with teachers and students in the West Bank since 2007. In the summer of 2015, he traveled to Palestine to visit friends, learn more about the culture, and help support science education. Sponsored by Western Mountains Senior College. Free and open to the public. FMI: wmscollege.blogspot.com.

Beginner Fly Tying Classes; 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Norway Public Library's Teen Rec Room. Presented by the Cancer Resource Center of Western Maine with the support of the Mollycodd Chapter of Trout Unlimited, these classes are free and all fly-tying tools and materials will be provided. Each session is stand-alone so anyone interested can attend any or all sessions.

Woodworking Course; 6 to 9 p.m., Telstar High School, Room 220. Whether you are a beginner and want to learn more about woodworking or if you are an expert woodworker this class is for you. This is a six week course where you can build small or big. Tools are supplied. Instructor: Tim O'Connor. Tuition: \$65 for six weeks. FMI: 824-2136 ext. 1340 or <http://sad44.maineadulted.org>.

Thursday, Feb. 25

SeniorsPlus Long-Distance Learning Event; 1 to 2:30 p.m., West Paris Library. A class on digital hearing aids. Free with pre-registration. FMI/Registration: 1-800-427-1241.

Fourth Thursday Poetry Group; 5:30 to 7 p.m., Rumford Public Library. Bring your own or others' work to share. Help plan for the months ahead. Light refreshments will be served. FMI: 364-3661.

CPR Recertification; 6 to 9 p.m., Bethel Family Health Center. This class will include adult, child and infant CPR and obstructed airway. You must bring your current certificate. 2 year certificate. Limit 6 students. Instructor: Jeannine Thornton. Tuition: \$45. FMI: 824-2136 ext. 1340 or <http://sad44.maineadulted.org>.

Pizza and a Movie Night; 5 to 9 p.m., Frank's Bar and Grille, Fall Line Condos, Sunday River. \$10 includes a large slice of pizza, beverage and ski movie. Proceeds benefit the Ski Museum of Maine.

Book Talk/Signing; 7 p.m., Norway Universalist Church. Elizabeth DeWolfe, award winning

author, history professor and chair of the Liberal Studies program at the University of New England, will present a slide show and discussion on The Murder of Mary Bean and Other Stories. This event is free and open to the public.

Saturday, Feb. 27

Chicken Pie Supper; 4:30 to 6 p.m., VFW Post 9787, 58 Lower Main Street, South Paris. Adults/\$8, kids (under 12) \$4. Sponsored by AM-VETS Post 777.

Tuesday, March 1

Drivers' Education; Classes start March 1 and will be held in room 133 at Telstar High School. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 2:30 to 5:30. If you would like to sign up or have any questions, call Western Maine Driving Academy at 743-8351.

Special Greenwood Town Meeting; 6 p.m. at Town Office to vote on \$750,000 road bond.

Wednesday, March 2

Beginner Fly Tying Classes; 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Norway Public Library's Teen Rec Room. Presented by the Cancer Resource Center of Western Maine with the support of the Mollycodd Chapter of Trout Unlimited, these classes are free and all fly-tying tools and materials will be provided. Each session is stand-alone so anyone interested can attend any or all sessions.

Adult Coloring Program; 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Norway Memorial Library. The library will supply coloring books and colored pencils, if participants have their own supplies they are welcomed to bring them. FMI: 743-5309 or www.norway.lib.me.us.

Thursday, March 3

"Is Your Tummy Talking to You – Understanding Digestive Health"; 4:30 to 6 pm, Congregational Church, 32 Church Street. The program will be presented by Roberta Balon, MS, RD, CDE, Clinical Nutrition Services Director at Androscoggin Valley Hospital, Berlin, N.H. She will explain the connection between how one's brain influences the digestive track, affecting the immune system, and will cover prebiotics and probiotics and how they help the body through diet. Public invited. Admission is free. Light refreshments. FMI: 824-2053.

Friday, March 4

World Day of Prayer; 11 to 1 p.m., luncheon follows prayer service. Our Lady of Snows Catholic Church, Route 26, Bethel. Area churches participate in this ecumenical service. All welcome.

Saturday, March 5

9th Annual Wine and Beer Tasting; 6 to 8 p.m., Sunday River Inn, Newry. Hosted by the Bethel Rotary. \$30 per person. Proceeds benefit community projects and scholarships.

Sunday, March 6

Oxford County Democrats Municipal Caucus Meetings; Town of Andover: Andover Town Hall at 1 p.m. Town of West Paris: West Paris Town Office at 3 p.m. Towns of Bethel, Greenwood, Woodstock, Hanover, Gilead, Albany, Newry, Upton, Lincoln and Magalloway: Telstar High School at 3 p.m. Towns of Stoneham and Waterford: Waterford Town Office at 4 p.m. Voter registration and party enrollment, one hour prior to start. FMI: <http://www.mainedems.org/caucus/>.

Wednesday, March 9

Bethel Senior Citizens Club Meeting; 11 a.m., Northland Dairy Bar, Berlin, N.H. The bus will leave the Bethel Health Center at 10:15 a.m. sharp. Call Arlene Lowell at 824-2877 for reservations before March 1.

Thursday, March 10

Dodge for a Cure; 3 to 5 p.m., Telstar gymnasium. This event is a charity dodgeball tournament typically between students and staff teams of eight. This year, the tournament is open to parents as well. Proceeds benefit cancer research at the Dempsey Center in Lewiston.

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MAHOOSUC KIDS

Enrichment opportunities for the children in SAD #44

From the Director

The kids have had a great time this month with STEM activities including Glow in the dark Geometry at WES, building robotic hands at CPS, and Bryant Pond staff doing Pioneer Day programs at both schools!

We were honored to be challenged by Western Foothills Kids Association (RSU 10) in the #ReadtoME reading challenge. The kids loved listening to Ms. Gould read *The Day the Crayon Quit*. We then challenged Destination Paris (SAD 17). Follow all the #ReadtoME challenges on our Facebook page.

MKA would also like to extend our sincere thanks to the Rite Aid KidCents Foundation for the generous donation. We have been able to increase the number of people who have designated MKA as their local charity of choice when people purchase items and "roll up" to the nearest dollar. We are so fortunate to live in an area that supports kids!

It may only be winter vacation week, but MKA has set the dates for our Summer Adventure Program. Mark your calendars for June 27th to August 19th. We are planning a fun filled summer!

I hope everyone is enjoying this winter vacation!

Julie Hart,
MKA Director



Building shapes with straws! Kids had a blast with their creations.



Reading *The Day the Crayon Quit* with Ms. Gould.



MKA making cheese with 4-H.



MKA's longest game of dodgeball ever!



Megan Millett, Alexis Seames, Grace Scott; and Brenna Wilson, make geometric shapes out of glow sticks.



Riley Pulkkinen, Sawyer Coffin, and Brenna Wilson are learning about Maine animals and their tracks.



MKA making robotic hands. Learning all about how our hands work.



Holden building with his straws.



Lauren from the Bryant Pond 4-H Camp and Learning Center talks to Tyler Bryant and Theo Belskis about animal tracking.

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Greenwood to hold special Town Meeting March 1

Greenwood will hold a special Town Meeting March 1 at 6 p.m. at the Town Office to vote on a \$750,000 capital project that consists of the reconstruction and repaving of several roads in town.

The work would be funded through the issuance of general obligation bonds. The estimated interest would be \$45,593, according to the warrant.

The warrant for the meeting was approved at Tuesday's selectmen's meeting.

The roads include Richardson Hollow, Patch Mountain and Hayes Hill, according to Town Manager Kim Sparks.

The issue needs to be considered now, rather than at the annual Town Meeting in May, because the timing for issuing of bonds by the state bond bank does not work for the annual Town Meeting, Sparks said.

In other business Tuesday, selectmen signed a resolution supporting the regional Age Friendly Community project, which the towns of Bethel and Woodstock have also joined.

The project is currently focusing on providing better transportation resources for senior citizens, the disabled and isolated residents.

At Universalist Church:

"Dragged Kicking and Screaming into Heaven"

First Universalist Church of West Paris March Worship Services

March heralds increasing daylight, return of some of our feathered friends, and a dose of warmer days. There's a stirring, anticipation. At the First Universalist Church of West Paris, we hope to invoke similar qualities you can use in your everyday life. Join us on Sundays at 9 a.m. followed by refreshments. All are welcome. Services are provided by The Reverend Fayre Stephenson, guest speakers, and the Worship Service Committee.

March 6, "Lessons from the 23rd Psalm" is led by guest speaker, Marilyn Hammond.

She will share several versions and/or interpretations of this well known and beloved psalm and hink about why we love "The Lord is my Shepherd" so much.

March 13, "Dragged Kicking and Screaming into Heaven" led by The Reverend Fayre Stephenson, we invite you to join us on this Sunday as we explore the power-

ful message of Universal Salvation. What did Universal Salvation mean to early Universalists and what does it mean to Unitarian Universalists today?

March 20, "So What's Your Point?" is led by guest speaker, Joan Beal. If we are all saved, in whatever way we take that meaning, then why do we come to church? Are we hoping to save ourselves, others, the planet, or none of the above?

March 27, "Saved by Love" led by The Reverend Fayre Stephenson. On this, a very early Easter, we will celebrate the life giving renewal found in spiritual community. Using Michael Tin's essay, "Saved by Love," as our guide, we'll explore the idea of being saved in this life.

For more information about the church and services, please contact Marta Clements, 674-2143, mcllements96894@roadrunner.com, or Bob Clifford at 674-3442, bobarlen@megalink.net.

To learn more about Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations, please visit <http://www.uua.org/>.

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Tempest Development, LLC to Deborah Anne Golden Revocable Trust, Deborah Anne Golden, Co-Trustee of Lincoln, R.I. \$700,000, Aug. 7, 2015.

Joseph and Alece Herlihy to Mary Lou Brickett and Keegan W. and Brendan T. Sands of Amesbury, Mass., timeshare at 97 Summit Drive. \$5,500, Aug. 7, 2015.

Janice Newman to Caitlin B. Perry-Buron, timeshare at 97 Summit Drive. \$6,850, Aug. 13, 2015.

Courtney V. Bain to Steve P. and Cheryl A. Beaupre of Saco, condominium at 8 Moonstruck Drive. \$108,000, Aug. 14, 2015.

Northeast Bank to Wendy A. Guthrie of Wellesley, Mass., timeshare at Grand Summit Unit 125. \$3,000, Aug. 20, 2015.

Stephanie B. and Jean C. Grillo to Brenda and Carl J. Blond of San Antonio, Texas, land and building at 1166 Mayville Road. \$75,000, Aug. 21, 2015.

Rolando and Claudia Rabines, trustees, to Christopher and Kimberley R. Darby of Jackson, N.H., land and building at 23 Evergreen Lane. \$760,000, Aug. 28, 2015.

Bruce and Francine Watchmann to Peter and Laura Obermann of Pembroke, Mass., land and building at 125 Monkey Brook Road. \$330,000, Oct. 16, 2015.

William Sibold to Nicholas Fuita, Jr., of Scarborough, timeshare at 97 Summit Drive. \$2,000, Oct. 31, 2015.

Sharon M. Slate to Kevin and Carol Neumann of Marblehead, Mass., timeshare at 97 Summit Drive. \$9,000, Nov. 4, 2015.

Elaine P. Ivester to Elizabeth A. and Thomas A. Shepherd of Hookset, N.H., property at Northpeak III 203. \$80,000, Nov. 6, 2015.

Raymond and Jill E. Grogan to Jaime L. and Michael E. Decareau, Jr., of Newfields, N.H., timeshare at 27 Grand Avenue. \$1,000, Nov. 6, 2015.

Hellen Ndegwa Doucette to Zackery and Megan A. Thomas of South Portland, condominium at 16 Roadrunner Drive. \$112,000, Nov. 6, 2015.

Lee Weishar and Leslie Fields to Bradley A. and Erin C. Clark of North Hampton, N.H., condominium at 8 Fall Line Drive. \$118,000, Nov. 9, 2015.

Kenneth P. and Sandra M. Wisniewski to Daniel M. Bolling of Oxford, condominium at 16 Roadrunner Drive. \$65,000, Nov. 13, 2015.

Edward M. and Loretta L. Powers to Sally O. Foster and Kenneth L. Carson of Cambridge, Mass., land and building at 891 Bear River Road. \$300,000, Nov. 13, 2015.

Edward M. Powers to Kenneth L. Carson and Sally O. Foster of Cambridge, Mass., land at Bear River Road. \$100,000, Nov. 13, 2015.

Thomas W. and Marily L.G. Gates to Kristine M. Conti of East Weymouth, Mass., timeshare at 27 Grand Ave. \$2,500, Nov. 12, 2015.

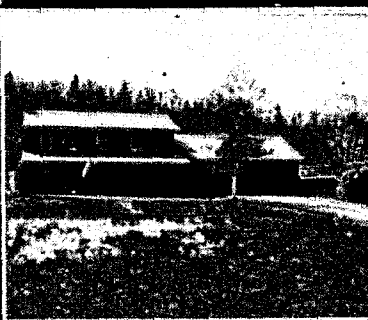
Christopher B. and Carol Grimm to Raymond J. and Jill E. Grogan of Freeport, timeshare at 27 Grand Ave. \$1,700, Nov. 13, 2015.

Jeffrey A. and Beatrice I. Young to Peter M., Jared and Nathan Marcink of South Paris, timeshare at 27 Grand Avenue. \$4,000, Nov. 13, 2015.

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CHARLES E. BURNHAM

Mr. Charles Edward "Bucky" Burnham, Jr., 79, died Saturday Feb. 13, 2016 at his residence in Rumford Point.

Born in Rumford on Nov. 6, 1936 he was a son of Charles and Marjorie (Thurston) Burnham, Sr. He was a graduate of Gould Academy class of 1955 and in 2011 he was inducted into the Gould Academy Sports Hall of Fame. He proudly served in United States Marine Corps as a Sergeant 1955 to 1959 and was selected to be White House Presidential guard under President Eisenhower. Bucky was known as a hard worker having worked as a heavy equipment operator for PH Chadbourne, the Town of Rumford, Grondin and the Transfer Station in Mexico. He was also a Registered Maine Guide.

Bucky loved to ski and was proud that he got to teach his grandchildren how to ski. He also loved Genealogy.

Survivors include two daughters, Deborah Colby and her husband James of Limington and Natalie Burnham of Rumford Point; three brothers, David Burnham and his wife Jeanne of Scarborough, Guy Burnham and his wife Cheryl of Bethel, Melvin and his wife Debra of Skowhegan; two granddaughters, Jennifer Sughrue and her husband Patrick of Dayton and Kathryn Wise and her husband William E. of Bowdoin; four great grandchildren, Colby and Grace Sughrue and Charlotte and William J. Wise; his former wife and the mother of his children, Linda Dyer of Rumford Point; two aunts, Verna Luke of Boothbay Harbor and Jeannette Lamson of

Portland; two uncles, Marlin Thurston of Peru and Harmon Thurston of Vt.

Friends and family are invited to sign the on-line guest book and share memories with the family at www.meaderandson.com.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 20, 2016 at the Andover Congregational Church. Interment in the spring will be in the East Ellis Cemetery. Friends are invited to call at the Meader and Son Funeral Home 3 Franklin Street, Rumford on Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. Those who desire may contribute to Gould Academy 39 Church Street, PO Box 860, Bethel, Maine 04217 in his memory.



DAVID C. BRAINARD

A well-orchestrated death was the wish of David Chapman Brainard of Greenwood, who passed quickly and with dignity on Sunday, Feb. 7. David was born in Middletown, Conn. on Aug. 18, 1942. He was the fourth son of Gordon and Ruth Brainard of Westbrook, Conn.

David grew up in Westbrook and graduated from Old Saybrook High School in 1960. He went on to graduate Northeastern University with a B.S. in Physics in 1965, working for several years at the Navy's Underwater Sound Lab as a sonar analyst. He married Edith Everts and they settled in Essex, Conn. Shortly after this, they had a son, David Jr. During the 1980's, David started Brainard Associates, a general contracting and masonry company based in North Stonington, Conn. Through his contracting work, he left his mark on churches, schools and many other places.

In 1999, David and Edith moved from their home in Essex, Conn. to their home on Twitchell Pond in Greenwood, Maine. In partial retirement, David did

cost estimation consulting work and became a member and then Chairman of the Greenwood Planning Board.

During this time, he played the tuba in "The Yet to be Named Banjo Band" with several good friends. They played at town functions and local convalescent homes, and on the "Songo River Queen."

David grew up near the ocean and had a life-long passion for the sea, boats and sailing. David and his wife of nearly 50 years, Edith, enjoyed traveling, including small excursions around New England and Canada, and bigger trips to all but two of the world's continents.

David was a fisher among friends and family, taking care and soothing troubled waters with humor, measure and compassion. David spoke of wanting to leave this world on a sunny day with loved ones saying goodbye and old friends who have passed welcoming him on the next step of his soul's journey. It was cloudy on Sunday morning, and then the sun came out, and so he crossed. David leaves behind his wife, Edith, son Dave and fiancée, Chris, brother Jack, Alice the dog and Charlotte the cat, a large extended family, and a wonderful community of friends who will miss him ... and we are filled with joy for his peace and happiness! God bless, god speed and for goodness sake keep smiling, keep your chins up and keep laughing!

A celebration of David's life will be held at the Locke Mills Union Church, on Route 26 in Greenwood at 2 p.m. on Feb. 27, 2016.

Thanks to all for the help, support and love through this difficult time. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to: Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice, 15 Strawberry Ave, Lewiston, ME 04240, <http://www.ahch.org>; The Locke Mills Union Church, PO Box 147, Greenwood, ME 04255; Dempsey Center for Hope and Healing, 29 Lowell St. 5th floor, Lewiston, ME 04240, <http://www.dempseycenter.org>



ELEANOR P. INMAN

Eleanor Proctor Inman, 79, of Greenwood passed away on Monday, Feb. 15 at Norway Center for Health and Rehabilitation.

She was born in West Paris on March 29, 1936 the daughter of Leon Freemont Proctor and Reta Ryerson Proctor.

She graduated from West Paris High School in 1954 and married Milton E. Inman on June 27, 1954.

Eleanor retired from the U. S. Postal Service. For another 19 years she worked at Fryeburg Fair in the trackside camping office. She was president of the West Paris Alumni Association for several years, a former leader of the Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts in West Paris, was an active member of the West Paris Historical Society, the Universalist Church and the Goodwill Society. She also volunteered at community dinners in Norway.

She traveled to every state except Hawaii. She enjoyed crafts, needlework and spending special time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband Milton of Greenwood; her son Gary Inman and wife Lesley Rowse, granddaughters Calli and Ani, her son Gregg and wife Dixie Inman, granddaughter Audrey and husband Travis Coffman and great grandchildren Caiden, Carley, Cara, Carson and Caleb, granddaughter Abby Inman and companion Jake Kimball and great grandchildren Mikaylah and Nolan; several nieces, nephews, cousins and an aunt; and son Gefrey and family. She was predeceased by a brother Ivan Proctor; sisters Phyllis Prince and Velma Jaaranen; and great grandson Callan Coffman.

Eleanor's family wishes to thank the staff at Norway Center for Health and Rehabilitation for their compassionate care.

Online condolences may be shared with her family at www.chandlerfunerals.com.

com.

Services will be held in the spring, date and time to be announced.

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Prime Time Ski Club: On snow conditions

Since this is Maine's school vacation week, there are not many Prime Time Ski Club members around the mountain because most members have been spoiled by mid-week uncrowded slopes and lack of lift lines at Sunday River ski area. However, some club members who live in the area or have family and friends visiting are among those enjoying Sunday River's excellent snowmaking and grooming. It doesn't seem fair that Sunday River has received very little natural snow from the last few storms when coastal communities along the East coast who don't necessarily want any more snow have been hit hard. The fact that Sunday River has nearly 100 trails open is a testament to the mountain's snowmakers and groomers who have worked very hard to make this happen despite Mother Nature who refuses to appease us snow lovers.

Last week saw quite a few Prime Time club members on the slopes enjoying a few inches of new snow, early morning temps hovering in the teens and very light winds. About 35 to 40 members enjoyed a pot luck dinner and social on Thursday at The Summit Hotel owner's room. Below zero temps and even colder chill factors moved in late week for a few days only to be replaced by temps "soaring" into the mid 40's (a 70-degree temperature swing), bringing a wintry mix of snow, sleet and rain. Mother Nature needs to give the ski industry in the Northeast a break!

All this talk about snow conditions leads to a twist on the proverbial question, is the grass really greener on the other

side. Is the snow really better on the other side of the country? This year the answer is a resounding "yes" from a group of Prime Time Ski Club members who just returned from Aspen/Snowmass. Although the Colorado Rockies has not received any new snow for the past several weeks, the conditions were excellent with no sign of ice or even hard-packed snow in most cases. Seven Prime Time Ski Club members joined about 50 members of the national 70-Plus Ski Club for a memorable week, staying slopeside at Snowmass with free buses going to Aspen, Buttermilk and Aspen Highlands. What's not to like about cool mornings that warm up to the 30's and 40's by noon each day, bright sunshine, clear blue skies and lots of "ego" snow underfoot.

Although these conditions aren't always the case (the temps had been much colder the week before), those who skied there vowed to come back again. Yet the Prime Time members who ventured away from Sunday River agreed that a big part of skiing is who you ski with and therefore were happy to rejoin old friends back in Maine. You, too, can ski with Prime Time Ski Club members if you are 50 or older. Club members meet weekdays at 10 a.m. at North Peak Lodge, upper level to the right, just beyond the bar. Some members also meet at 8:30 a.m. or so in the Mahosuc Room at South Ridge base lodge to boot up and get to the lifts as soon as they open at 9. Check out our website at www.prime-timeskiclub.com and plan to join us for some runs. It may not be Aspen/Snowmass, but it will be fun!

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Demeter McLain

Demeter McLain, age 17 years and 4 months, died unexpectedly on February 12, 2016. Late the night before, she lost the ability to walk, and Lise picked her up and placed her on her soft doggy bed. The next morning, she went into a seizure. She was born September 23, 1998, and on Thanksgiving evening, Demeter came to live at her loving home with Lise and Steve McLain when she was 8 weeks old. Their son, Joey, had Demeter's mother, Paige, so Lise made a deal with Joey to give her 3 days to see if Lise would accept Demeter, and if not, then Lise would return her to Joey. It turned out well because Lise had a very sweet personality and accepted her sister right away. Demeter was named after the Greek Goddess, and her biological sister, Isis, who passed away on November 3, 2014, was named after the Egyptian Goddess. They were our special goddesses, were greatly loved, and received many, many kisses. Demeter was a beautiful little red dog. She was part chow and part lab, but had the chow personality. She was a territorial dog who became Lise's protector and strangers knew this very quickly. Lise took Demeter and Isis just about everywhere with her in the car and took them for walks in various places. Isis was very good with children, but not Demeter. Lise had to instruct the children that they could pet Isis, but not Demeter, and Lise had to shorten the leash and place in Demeter behind her during the petting sessions. Lise took Demeter to the ocean many times because she loved getting into the water, and Isis could take it or leave it. Demeter was part of the family so she was allowed on the bed and on the sofa. On July 16, 2013 at the age of 15, Demeter was diagnosed with breast cancer, and the veterinarian told Lise that because of her age there was nothing that could be done for her. Because of Lise's strong love and loyalty to Demeter, Lise went on a quest to learn what could be done for her. Lise bought a ton of health books and discovered that breasts, thyroid, and prostate all need iodine. Demeter plus the other dogs in the family are fed "dulse flakes" a seaweed which contains 330% iodine as well as other health goodies, plus given Lugol's solution. Lise also bought "Kelp Meal for Animals" from a Maine company and fed this to her plus her other dogs. Demeter lived 30 months after her breast cancer diagnosis. This is what strong dedication, love, and loyalty to a loved one will accomplish. Demeter was our very special goddess (royalty), and she was treated as such. She was a real joy to have in our family and will be sadly missed. Besides her parents, she leaves behind her dog brother George, her dog sister Molly, and her dog brother Muff. Thanking the Norway Veterinary Hospital for their kind support and kind words during our crisis.

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